

Walkout teachers now in a drive to win U.S. statehouse posts

By CAROLYN THOMPSON

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Last September, school speech therapist Kathy Hoffman was settling into the new academic year, working with youngsters in her small classroom behind a playground at Sahuaro Ranch Elementary School in a blue-collar neighborhood outside Phoenix.

This year, the political novice is gone from her classroom and on the campaign trail across Arizona full-time as the Democrats' choice in the race to become superintendent of public education, overseeing the state's schools. The job is typically held by career politicians or political insiders.

"My tipping point was realizing we need more teachers running for office, people who understand what it's like in the classroom, who have seen the effect of having the lack of resources from our lawmakers," Hoffman said.

Hundreds of current and former educators, most of them Democrats like Hoffman, are on general election ballots from school board to governor — far exceeding educator candidacies prior to this year's #RedForEd protests.

In her first campaign during



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In this April 26, 2018 file photo participants in #RedForEd protest march in Yuma, Ariz.

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the Democratic primary, the 32-year-old Hoffman beat a former state senate minority leader, illustrating how much a surge in teacher activism centering on higher teacher pay and increased educational

funding have shaken up November midterm elections around the U.S.

She and the other teacher candidates represent a wild-card political movement following the teacher-driven #RedForEd effort

that drew support from parents and school children in Arizona, Colorado, Kentucky, Oklahoma and West Virginia and also focused on outdated textbooks, crowded classrooms and teacher shortages. Across

the country, some educators have already won primary races against the incumbent state legislators they blamed for public school spending cutbacks.

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U.S. terminates 1955 treaty with Iran after U.N. court ruling

By MATTHEW LEE

AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In response to a U.N. court order that the U.S. lift sanctions on Iran, the Trump administration said Wednesday it was terminating a decades-old treaty affirming friendly relations between the two countries. The largely symbolic gesture highlights deteriorating relations between Washington and Tehran.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said withdrawing from the 1955 Treaty of Amity was long overdue and followed Iran "groundlessly" bringing a complaint with the International Court of Justice challenging U.S. sanctions on the basis that they were a violation of the pact.



Secretary of State Mike Pompeo briefs reporters at the State Department in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018.

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Meanwhile, national security adviser John Bolton said the administration also was pulling out of an amendment to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations that Iran or others, notably the Palestinians, could use to sue the U.S. at The Hague-based tribunal. Bolton told reporters at the White House that the provision violates U.S. sovereignty.

"The United States will not sit idly by as baseless politicized claims are brought against us," Bolton said. He cited a case brought to the court by the "so-called state of Palestine" challenging the move of the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem as the main reason for withdrawing.

Bolton, who last month unleashed a torrent of criticism against the International Criminal Court, noted that previous Republican administrations had pulled out of various international agreements and bodies over "politicized cases." He said the administration would review all accords that might subject the U.S. to prosecution by international courts or panels.

Earlier, Pompeo denounced the Iranian case before the U.N. court as "meritless" and said the Treaty of Amity was meaningless and absurd. □

"The Iranians have been ignoring it for an awfully long time, we ought to have pulled out of it decades ago," he told reporters at the State Department.

The little-known treaty with Iran was among numerous such ones signed in the wake of World War II as the Truman and Eisenhower administrations tried to assemble a coalition of nations to counter the Soviet Union. Like many of the treaties, this one was aimed at encouraging closer economic relations and regulating diplomatic and consular ties.

Its first article reads: "There shall be firm and enduring peace and sincere friendship between the United States of America and Iran."

But amid a broader push to assert U.S. sovereignty in the international arena and after pulling out of the Iran nuclear deal this year, the administration determined that the court case made the treaty irrelevant. Pompeo said the ruling was a "useful point for us to demonstrate the absolute absurdity" of the treaty.

The court case is legally binding, but Pompeo said the administration would proceed with sanctions enforcement with existing exceptions for humanitarian and flight safety transactions.

"The United States has been actively engaged on these issues without regard to any proceeding before the ICJ," he said.

At the same time, he criticized the ruling.

"We're disappointed that the court failed to recognize that it has no jurisdiction to issue any order relating to these sanctions measures with the United States."

The ruling said Washington must "remove, by means of its choosing, any impediments arising from" the reimposition of sanctions to the export to Iran of medicine and medical devices, food and agricultural commodities and spare parts and equipment necessary to ensure the safety of civil aviation. □



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"It's about standing up for what's right and bringing that teacher's voice to that position," Hoffman said. "I felt it should come straight from the classroom."

After years of dense education debates over teacher evaluations and the Common Core learning standards, the new teacher candidates' simplified message for higher pay and more funding for schools represent "talking points (that) are resonating," said Frederick Hess, director of education policy at the conservative American Enterprise Institute public policy think tank.

"What we might be seeing is the emergence of a number of individuals who will be an elected mainstream set of advocates for these teacher issues," he said.

In the state senate races in Maine and Minnesota, teacher candidates could help flip state legislatures to Democratic control, according to Mara Sloan, spokeswoman for the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee. She said her group knows of 650 educators running for state legislative positions across the country this year and that more than 450 are Democrats.

In Kentucky, at least 34 current and former teachers are on the ballot in the general election for seats in the state legislature, 29 of them Democrats. In Connecticut, former National Teacher of the Year Jahanna Hayes won the Democratic primary for a U.S. House seat. The Oklahoma Education Association said 55 educators are running in the general election for the state legislature.

As for the Republicans, Oklahoma City assistant school principal Sherrie Conley upset three-term incumbent state lawmaker Bobby Cleveland in a primary runoff election. Cleveland is one of six Republican state House members in Oklahoma who lost their jobs after voting against a tax hike used to fund a teacher pay raise.

Experts say it's too soon to say what sort impact the teacher candidates may have on policy if elected. Republican State Leadership Committee communications director David James accused teacher unions of fielding Democratic candidates who would use "their education platforms to defend a Bolshevik monopoly, that turns to the Prussian model of classroom teaching, rather than new innovative techniques."

He also said "Republicans have a sizable force of educators that will win this cycle."

Hoffman said she decided to run out of a feeling that too many education decision-makers don't understand how public schools work. She was dismayed with the confirmation hearing of U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who stumbled over questions about students with disabilities. Hoffman became more politicized after Arizona state lawmakers refused to grant the same 20 percent raises Arizona teachers got to school support staff and a decision by the state's outgoing education chief, Diane Douglas, to support an ethnic studies ban that a federal judge ruled was discriminatory. Douglas ended up finishing third in a five-way Republican primary.

Riggs is a three-term Republican California U.S. congressman who was the CEO of a nonprofit company that helps charter schools with financing and is the founding president of an online K-12 Arizona charter school.

He has criticized Hoffman for being "inexperienced and extreme" and has said she holds "radical views." In an interview, the 68-year-old Riggs called Hoffman "a very nice young person" who is dedicated to education but said she has limited teaching experience and no leadership credentials.

"The job involves high-level executive leadership. It requires a deep knowledge of education policies and

practices at the local, state and federal level," Riggs said. "And to be a credible advocate as our state's chief K-12 officer, it requires a degree of legislative and political expertise, which I certainly feel I have as a former member of Congress."

Hoffman said getting her campaign going was like starting a new company. Her campaign workers in the primary were all under 40 and one was an Arizona #RedForEd protest leader. She had to learn about branding, logos, messaging and hone her public speaking and networking skills.

"Every little piece of that had to come together, and I know I've grown so much professionally and personally from this experience," she said.

But candidates like Hoffman in states like Arizona that lean Republican must not only get votes from Democrats, but also Republicans or independents. And they are dependent on voters who are still thinking about public education



In this Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018 photo, Kathy Hoffman, a public school speech therapist, is a Democratic candidate running for superintendent of public education, in Phoenix.

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as a key issue in November — months after the #RedForEd protests demonstrations captured national attention.

"Even if the moment is ripe and even if the message resonates, and even if there is concern about the state of public education

in these states, these candidates for the most part, are still going to have to overcome the partisan disadvantage that they face at the ballot box," said Patrick McGuinn, a political science and education professor at Drew University in New Jersey. □

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The first test of the national wireless emergency system by the Federal Emergency Management Agency is shown on a cellular phone in Detroit, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018.

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Emergency alert test sounds off on mobile phones nationwide

By COLLEEN LONG

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Electronic devices across the United States sounded off Wednesday as the Federal Emergency Management Agency conducted its first-ever national wireless emergency alert test. The tone went off at 2:18 p.m. EDT. The subject of

the alert read: "Presidential Alert" and text said: "THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed." FEMA officials estimated that about 225 million devices would receive the alert at about the same time, but the message was broadcast by cell towers for 30 minutes so some people got it later than others. Some got as many as four alerts on their phones; others didn't get any.

In a real emergency, devices would get the alert at the same time or as close to the same time as possible.

A second alert on television broadcast and radio went off at 2:20 p.m. EDT. The TV and radio alert has been tested for several years. The system test is for a high-level "presidential" alert that would be used only in a nationwide emergency. It was completed in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission.

It's not clear how successful the test was. FEMA officials said they would share test result data on how the testing went with mobile carriers to help ensure the system works well in a true emergency.

Phones with mobile carriers that participate in the wireless emergency alert system, which sends out information on hazardous weather, or missing children, got it. FEMA officials estimated it would reach about 75 percent of all mobile phones in the country, including phones on all of the major carriers.

The wireless alert system was launched in 2012. While users can opt out of messages on missing chil-

dren and natural disasters, they can't opt out of the presidential alerts, which are issued at the direction of the White House and activated by FEMA.

FEMA officials said the administration can only send such an alert for national emergencies or if the public were in peril, according to rules outlined in a 2006 law, and say it can't be used for any sort of personal message from a president.

In New York, U.S. District

Judge Katherine Polk Failla rejected a last-minute effort to block the test. Three

people sued, claiming it violates their constitutional rights. The plaintiffs said the alert system fails to give people the chance to opt out.

Failla called the constitutional questions raised by the lawsuit significant and urged the litigants to find lawyers to help them proceed. She said she believes the plaintiffs want to ensure that President Donald Trump doesn't turn the alert system into a second Twitter feed.

The judge asked a government lawyer if there were standards in place to prevent someone from using the system for political purposes. Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Sun said telephones were being added to a century-old alert system that is controlled by law.

A FEMA lawyer said via a phone connection to the courtroom that decisions about alerts are at the discretion of the president, just as are many other decisions involving national security.

Some Trump critics seized on the alert's transmission to poke fun at the president. □

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Missouri down to 1 abortion clinic amid legal battle

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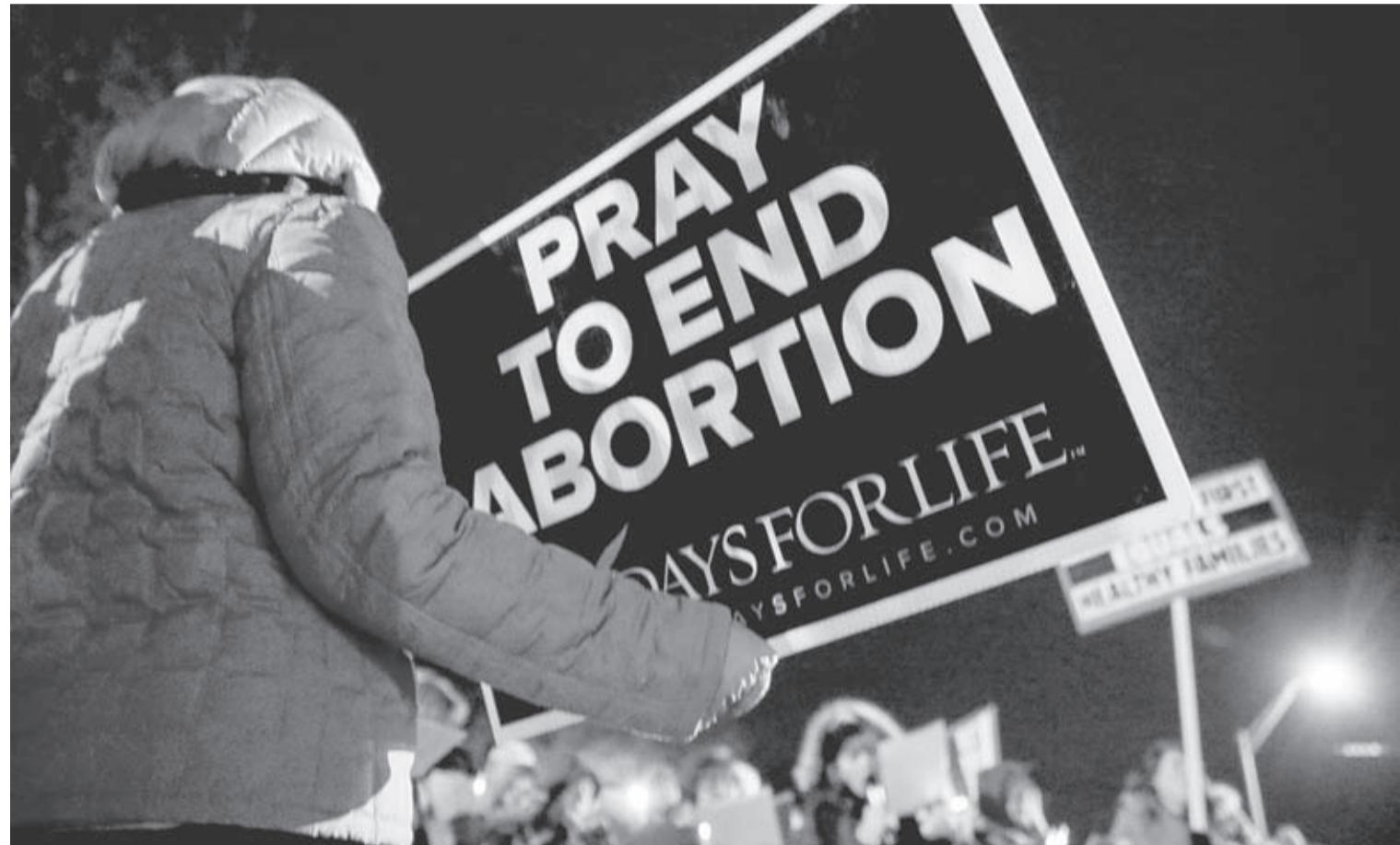
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)

— Missouri is down to one clinic providing abortions Wednesday, after the only other clinic in the state that performs the procedure failed to adhere to new state requirements and its license expired.

Federal appeals court judges also ruled last month that Missouri can enforce a requirement that doctors must have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals before they can perform abortions. The judges issued a mandate Monday for that rule to officially take effect.

The Columbia Planned Parenthood clinic has been unable to secure physician privileges or find a doctor with those privileges after a panel of medical staff at University of Missouri Health Care voted to stop offering those privileges altogether in 2015 amid a Republican-led legislative investigation on abortion in the state.

Miller said the clinic cancelled abortions scheduled for Wednesday in Columbia, which would have been the first since the mandate was issued. The clinic continues to provide other health care services. "We are unable to provide abortion services now, so we've been working with patients who were on the schedule for today for abortion appointments to let them know what their alternatives are," Miller said. Women seeking abortions can go to Planned Parenthood's St. Louis clinic — which is now the only facility in Missouri where abor-



In this Dec. 12, 2016, file photo, protesters hold anti-abortion signs outside the Planned Parenthood Columbia Health Center in Columbia, Mo.

tions can be performed — or travel to neighboring states, she said. Planned Parenthood has argued in court filings that the additional distance women will need to travel to the clinic on the far eastern border of the state to receive abortions will be burdensome and could make the procedure inaccessible to some. Miller said they're hoping the state will issue another abortion license soon.

Planned Parenthood attorneys also had asked U.S. Western District Court Judge Brian Wimes to temporarily exempt the Columbia clinic from the hospital privileges requirement before Wednesday. Wimes hasn't yet ruled on that

request. If Wimes does decide to grant a temporary restraining order on the law, abortions could resume at the clinic if it also receives another license.

Planned Parenthood affiliates with Missouri health centers filed the underlying lawsuit to block state requirements on admitting privileges and mandates that clinics meet hospital-like standards for outpatient surgery. The U.S. Supreme Court in 2016 struck down similar rules in Texas. The Missouri Attorney General's Office, which is defending the regulations, in court documents argued that the admitting privileges requirement "provides substantial benefits, such

as ensuring that women have access to a treating physician, ensuring continuity of care, reducing the likelihood of unnecessary treatment, and providing women and the State with greater, more accurate information." Attorneys with the attorney general also wrote that the requirement "is strongly justified by Missouri-specific circumstances, such as the deeply troubling health-and-safety record of Missouri abortion facilities and their long, flagrant violation of statutory reporting requirements."

The office cited a Sept. 26 health inspection that found the clinic was using equipment with tubing that contained "black mold

and bodily fluid."

Miller said Planned Parenthood takes issue with that description, and said the tubing has been replaced and other concerns raised in the Sept. 26 inspection have been addressed.

U.S. District Judge Howard Sachs in May 2017 issued a temporary restraining order to block the admitting privileges rule. But his action was undone in September by judges on the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, who argued Sachs didn't do enough to weigh the cost benefits of Missouri's rules and sent the case back to the lower court. The underlying challenge to the Missouri abortion regulations is still pending. □

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California gas tax repeal campaign seeks federal inquiry

By SOPHIA BOLLAG and JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Leaders of a campaign to repeal California's recent gas tax increase asked the federal government this week to investigate their claims that public resources have been used against them.

Their allegations are based on emails and other documents that appear to show local government workers discussing the repeal effort, known as Proposition 6. In one, a San Francisco official says in an email that showing how gas tax funds benefit the city is important "to support the anti-repeal campaign."

"It's damning, it's unacceptable," Proposition 6 campaign leader Carl DeMaio said Tuesday. "They are using taxpayer dollars to influence an election."

Republican Congressman Ken Calvert requested an investigation by the U.S. Department of Transportation's inspector general, saying some of the agencies involved receive some federal money. De Maio said he obtained the emails through public records requests and that he also plans to file complaints with local district attorneys. He held a press conference Wednesday outlining the charges.

A spokeswoman for the anti-Proposition 6 campaign denied improper behavior. "The No on Prop 6 campaign follows all campaign laws," Robin Swanson said in a statement. "We're working hard to educate



In this July 11, 2018 file photo, workers repave a street in Roseville, Calif., partially funded by a gas tax hike passed by the Legislature in 2017.

voters about how damaging Prop 6 will be to the safety of our roads and bridges."

A law called SB1, passed by California lawmakers, raised gasoline taxes by 12 cents a gallon starting last November and diesel taxes by 20 cents. Diesel sales taxes also rose, and drivers are paying a new annual fee with their vehicle registration, ranging from \$25 to \$175 depending on the value of the vehicle. The taxes and fees all rise each year, based on inflation.

It's projected to increase about \$5 billion a year to address a backlog of deferred maintenance on state and local roadways. The California Department of Transportation highlights projects funded by the tax increase on signs around the state that include an address to a website outlining how SB1 money is spent. The California Depart-

ment of Transportation said Wednesday it will not include the website address on future signs after federal officials said it may not comply with rules that aim to ensure road signs are easy to read, department spokesman Matt Rocco said. The change will not affect the cost, Rocco said. DeMaio highlighted a news story about the signs' possible non-compliance as further evidence of wrongdoing.

Proposition 6 would repeal the tax and fee increases and also require voter approval for any future increases in gas taxes or vehicle fees. Opponents of the ballot measure say the tax increase benefits the state and is needed to repair the state's crumbling roads. In one email exchange from June, a few days before Proposition 6 officially qualified for the ballot, the Sacramento Regional Tran-

sit Agency asks an organization it contracts with to help with its "educational campaign" that "related to the gas tax repeal."

Devra Selenis, a spokeswoman for the agency, said the agency has never told people how to vote. On behalf of RT, the contractor, Valley Vision, organized a community event where various groups highlighted the benefits of SB1, she said.

"We are allowed to educate on benefits of what SB1 covers and that's all we've ever done," Selenis said. "That is the public's right to know what we spend money on."

The Proposition 6 campaign alleges the emails show an attempt to influence the outcome of the ballot measure because the education campaign is scheduled through the election and is "related to the gas tax repeal."

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DeMaio also points to a Sept. 25, 2017, email sent by Kate Breen, the government affairs director for the San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency, to colleagues, in which she summarizes the progress of efforts to repeal SB1.

Proposition 6 proponents say the email indicates the transit agency was interested in influencing the campaign. It's not clear what efforts the agency did to promote the gas tax. The email was sent before the measure qualified for the ballot but after the campaign had filed paperwork to begin collecting signatures.

"The proposition hadn't even qualified for the state-wide ballot," Paul Rose, the transit agency's spokesman, said in an email. "There was no campaign to work for or against. Since that time the measure has become real and we have been very careful not to advocate as a public agency."

In another email released by the Proposition 6 campaign, the California Transit Association, a lobbying organization, sent a plan to local government agencies outlining campaigning plans to oppose SB1 repeal. It's not clear from the documents if any of the government agencies copied on the email acted on the plan laid out by the association.

The October 2017 email describes efforts to persuade vulnerable Republican members of Congress to avoid backing Proposition 6. □

ATF: Hundreds of guns stolen in Memphis seized near Chicago

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Most of the roughly 400 guns that were stolen from a United Parcel Service facility in Tennessee have been recovered in the Chicago area, federal authorities said.

Authorities seized about 365 Ruger .22-caliber and .380-caliber firearms after police officers responded to a call about suspicious

activity in the southern Chicago suburb of Midlothian on Sunday afternoon — about 12 hours after the guns were taken from a UPS facility in Memphis, a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agent said in court documents Tuesday.

ATF had said the guns being shipped from a Ruger factory in North Carolina

were taken by two men in a U-Haul truck. ATF spokesman Michael Knight said the truck was recovered along with the guns.

Court documents said officers found the truck at a store parking lot in Midlothian and questioned 24-year-old Roland Jackson of Chicago and 18-year-old Taveyan Turnbo before they both ran away.

Turnbo was arrested hours later and faces federal charges of possessing stolen firearms. Court documents said he denied taking part in the theft at the UPS facility.

On Wednesday, the ATF announced that Jackson had been taken into custody. A spokeswoman declined to say where and when he was arrested. Jackson fac-

es federal charges of being a convicted felon illegally possessing firearms. Court documents indicated that Turnbo told investigators he and Jackson had sold at least three of the guns for a total of \$400. The estimate of 400 stolen firearms makes it one of the largest single gun thefts the ATF has investigated, Knight said. □



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Officials warn Arizona dam could fail and flood village

PHOENIX (AP) — An earth-en dam in Arizona's southern desert could fail and flood a small village because the lake behind it is swollen with runoff from the remnants of Tropical Storm Rosa, officials said Wednesday. Ali Chuk, a Native American community with 162 people on the Tohono O'odham (TOH'-oh-no OH'-tum) Nation reservation, was being evacuated Tuesday night, the tribe's public safety department said in a statement.

No further details were available Wednesday on the evacuations. Tribal officials planned to inspect the dam and lake by helicopter. Water levels were within a foot (0.3 meters) of topping Menagers Dam, which could give way and



In this Oct. 2, 2018 photo provided by the Tohono O'odham Nation Dept. of Public Safety, is flooding near the Menagers Dam community in Arizona.

flood Ali Chuk, the National Weather Service said. The area near the Mexico border got between 3 and 5 inches (8 to 13 centime-

ters) of rain on Tuesday. Flooding from runoff made roads impassable. There were no reports Wednesday of additional

rain. The tribal safety department said 30 people had been evacuated from another village on the reservation because of flood-

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ing. Elsewhere in the state, forecasters warned of more possible flooding in Phoenix and other areas.

The weather service said up to 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) of rain had fallen in parts of Maricopa County, which includes Phoenix, and that flash flooding was expected. A separate flash flood warning was issued for Yavapai County north of Phoenix due to high water in a creek in Cornville and for a small part of the Tohono O'odham (TOH'-oh-no OH'-tum) Nation's reservation in Pima County in southern Arizona.

The weather service said a record 2.35 inches (5.97 centimeters) of rain had fallen at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport as of Tuesday night. □

Japan city snubs San Francisco over 'comfort women' statue

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The mayor of Osaka, Japan, says he's ending a six-decade "sister city" relationship with San Francisco to protest a statue honoring women forced to have sex with Japanese soldiers during World War II.

Osaka Mayor Hirofumi Yoshimura this week sent a letter to San Francisco announcing he's withdrawing from the largely ceremonial relationship, the San Francisco Examiner reported Wednesday.

The statue was erected on city property last year by

California's Korean, Chinese and Filipino communities.

Jeff Cretan, a spokesman for San Francisco Mayor London Breed, called Yoshimura's decision unfortunate and says the cities will remain connected through "people-to-people ties." The Japanese Consulate in San Francisco declined to comment.

"Breaking the relationship over a memorial is outrageous and absurd," said Lillian Sing, co-chair of the Comfort Women Justice Coalition. "It shows how

afraid the Osaka mayor and Japanese prime minister are of truth and are trying to deny history."

Historians say tens of thousands of women around Asia were sent to work in Japanese military brothels, often through coercion and deception. Japan apologized in 1993 but the issue has remained an open rift with its neighbors, particularly South Korea which has strong memories of Japan's colonization from 1910 to 1945.

After a gradual pullback from the apology, Japan's



In this Friday, Sept. 22, 2017, file photo, people move in to take a closer look at the "Comfort Women" monument after it was unveiled in San Francisco.

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government now denies that the women, called "comfort women" in Japanese, were forced into sexual slavery, citing a lack of official documentary proof, and says the statue in San Francisco and similar statues built in various countries wrongfully blame Japan. □

UN court orders US to lift some Iran sanctions

By MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

(AP) — The United Nations' highest court on Wednesday ordered the United States to lift sanctions on Iran that affect imports of humanitarian goods and products and services linked to civil aviation safety.

The ruling by the International Court of Justice is legally binding, but the Trump administration said the U.S. was terminating a decades-old treaty that Iran used as the basis for its case.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said withdrawing from the 1955 Treaty of Amity was long overdue and followed Iran "groundlessly" bringing the complaint to the U.N. court.

Pompeo said the administration would proceed with sanctions enforcement with existing exceptions for humanitarian and flight safety transactions.

"The United States has been actively engaged on these issues without regard to any proceeding before the ICJ," he said.

Meanwhile, U.S. national security adviser John Bolton



Judges enter the International Court of Justice, or World Court, in The Hague, Netherlands, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018, where they ruled on an Iranian request to order Washington to suspend U.S. sanctions against Tehran.

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said the administration also was pulling out of an amendment to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations that Iran or others, notably the Palestinians, could use to sue the U.S. at The Hague-based tribunal. President Donald Trump moved to restore tough U.S. sanctions against Iran in May after withdrawing from Tehran's nuclear ac-

cord with world powers. Iran challenged the sanctions in a case filed in July at the International Court of Justice.

In a preliminary ruling, the court said that Washington must "remove, by means of its choosing, any impediments arising from" the reimposition of sanctions to the export to Iran of medicine and medical devices,

food and agricultural commodities and spare parts and equipment necessary to ensure the safety of civil aviation.

By limiting the order to sanctions covering humanitarian goods and the civil aviation industry, the ruling did not go as far as Iran had requested.

The U.S. ambassador to the Netherlands, Peter Hoek-

stra, pointed that out in a tweet. "This is a meritless case over which the court has no jurisdiction," the ambassador tweeted. "Even so, it is worth noting that the Court declined today to grant the sweeping measures requested by Iran. Instead, the Court issued a narrow decision on a very limited range of sectors."

While imposing the so-called provisional measures, the court's president, Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf, stressed that the case will continue and the United States could still challenge the court's jurisdiction.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif praised the court ruling on Twitter, calling it "another failure for sanctions-addicted" U.S. and a "victory for rule of law." He added that it is imperative for the international community "to collectively counter malign US unilateralism."

Iranian state television trumpeted the court's decision in a scrolling graphic at the bottom of TV screens: "The victory of Tehran over Washington by the Hague Court." No date has been set for further hearings in the case. □

Germany celebrates 28th anniversary of its reunification

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Germany on Wednesday celebrated the 28th anniversary of the reunification of east and west, a process that Chancellor Angela Merkel said still isn't complete. The country's leaders voiced concern about divisions in society and the rise of populism.

Germany was reunited on Oct. 3, 1990, following more than four decades of Cold War division, and less than a year after communist East Germany opened its heavily fortified border.

While much progress has been made since then, economic and other differences between the west and the less prosperous east still persist. German leaders' remarks at a ceremony marking Wednes-



Visitors walk in front of the Brandenburg Gate during the Unification Day public festival in Berlin, Germany, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018.

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day's anniversary reflected concern about new divisions and polarization in German society — by no means all along east-west lines. Merkel, who grew up in East Germany, said that

"German unity is not complete" and still poses challenges today.

"Twenty-eight years later, we know that what we call German unity is a process, a long road, that calls on us

again and again to listen to each other," she said.

Violent right-wing protests a month ago following the killing of a German man, allegedly by migrants, in the eastern city of Chemnitz,

have added to concerns. "We won't let ourselves be divided, and that is not a question of east and west — it is not that simple," Berlin Mayor Michael Mueller told the main reunification ceremony at the capital's Staatsoper opera house.

"We in Germany also are seeing the populist presumption of positioning the 'people' against political opponents, against supposed and actual minorities, against those elected by the people," said parliamentary speaker Wolfgang Schaeuble, who helped negotiate German reunification. "But no one has the right to say that he alone represents the people." He advocated a "contemporary patriotism" marked by "self-confidence, calm and optimism." □



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Syria hopes to jumpstart rebuilding despite massive hurdles

By ZEINA KARAM
Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) —

With back-to-back trade fairs held in Damascus this month, Syria is hoping to jumpstart reconstruction of its devastated cities by inviting international investors to take part in lucrative opportunities.

But the absence of significant Western participants, the challenges posed by international sanctions and the lack of a political solution to the seven-year-old conflict point to massive hurdles ahead.

The government says it will only award contracts to "friendly" countries that have supported Syria throughout the civil war. In an address to the U.N. General Assembly last week, Syria's foreign minister said Western countries that set political conditions before committing reconstruction funds are "neither invited nor welcome to help."

But the relatively small-scale participation of companies from Syria's allies, Russia and Iran — both under U.S. sanctions — can hardly even begin to cover the enormous reconstruction costs in Syria, estimated to be anywhere between \$250 billion and \$400 billion. A U.N. agency estimates the war has cost \$388 billion, and Syria says it needs \$48 billion in short term investments for the housing sector alone.

Around half of Syria's pre-war population of 23 million has been uprooted — nearly 6 million fled abroad, while 6.6 million are displaced



In this Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018 photo, Iranian Ambassador in Syria Javad Turk-Abadi speaks to The Associated Press during the opening of the Syria rebuilding exhibition at the fair grounds in Damascus, Syria.

within Syria — and entire cities lay in ruins, their infrastructure decimated.

Syrian officials say that with the government's military gains over the past year, it's now time to focus on rebuilding.

The government now holds just over 60 percent of Syria's territory, with the north largely controlled by U.S.-backed and Kurdish-led forces, opposition fighters allied with Turkey, and insurgent groups.

"The process of eradicating terrorism has reached its final stages, and the reconstruction phase is knocking on the doors," Public Works and Housing Minister Hussein Arnous said Tuesday, after a ribbon-cutting ceremony inaugurating the 4th International Trade Exhibition for Rebuilding Syria.

Arnous said 270 companies from 29 countries are taking part in this year's exhibition despite the sanctions imposed on Syria.

"I don't hope that the West will come here, because it had a big hand in the war against Syria," said Youssef Alousi, sales manager at Balkis Ceramics, a Syrian tile manufacturer which was showcasing, among other designs, a picture of Syrian President Bashar Assad printed on tiles. "Syria will be rebuilding Syria," he added.

The exhibition is being held at the Damascus International Fairgrounds near the airport, not far from wrecked former rebel strongholds. Israel struck targets near the airport last month.

Buildings with gaping holes

and others with their top floors collapsed could be seen on each side of the highway leading to the fair — testimony to the ferocious fighting that raged there for years.

At the opening of the convention on Tuesday, Syrian officials, journalists and visitors walked among stalls for construction materials, industrial supplies, and even an Iranian maritime company with intricate model ships.

Syria's tiny neighbor, Lebanon, had the second highest number of participants, with 35 companies exhibiting their products Tuesday. Lebanese companies are anxious to get a piece of the reconstruction cake, but the Lebanese government is split, with Prime Minister Saad Hariri reluctant

to normalize relations with Syria under Assad.

But Nasri Khoury, who heads the Syrian-Lebanese Supreme Council, an organization set up in the early 1990s to support bilateral cooperation, said it is "high time for the Lebanese government to reconsider its existing policy if wants to play a principle role in rebuilding Syria."

Although 38 Russian companies took part in the Damascus International Fair last month, only one made it to Tuesday's opening. Russia is a key ally of President Assad, and its military support, starting in 2015, has helped turn the tide in his favor. Russian President Vladimir Putin has been lobbying for Western aid funding, while helping the Syrian government prepare for an offensive to retake the last rebel stronghold of Idlib, in northwestern Syria.

Valeriy Anisimov, who works for the Russian petrochemical firm JSC Prom-catalys, says it hopes to tap into the underserved market but has yet to find a way around the sanctions. He said he was hoping to speak with other business people at the conference about transferring money into and out of Syria.

"There are many problems with Syria industry because of U.S. sanctions, and our company is ready to provide all the catalysts, all the technologies that Syrian customers cannot get because of these sanctions," he said, adding that his company is in talks with two oil refineries in Syria. □

Rights group: Lebanon law discriminates against mothers

By SARAH EL DEEB

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — A prominent rights group Wednesday called on Lebanese authorities to amend a nearly 100-year-old law that discriminates against Lebanese women married to foreigners, denying their children citizenship.

Human Rights Watch's deputy Middle East director Lama Fakih said the 1925 law has "caused untold hardship" for thousands of families, such as denying kids and spouses national health insurance, limiting access to jobs and requiring them to apply for residency every 12 to 36 months.

A Lebanese father married to a foreigner can give his children his nationality, and so can a Lebanese mother with a child of unknown paternity, but not a Lebanese woman married to a foreigner.

This also leaves many at risk of being stateless, the New York-based organization said.

Continuous campaigning to amend the law has resulted in some steps allowing children and for-



This Sept. 30, 2018 photo provided by Rochana Atmeh, shows Jennifer Maria Hektor, 8, born to a Swedish father and Rochana Atmeh, her Lebanese mother, holding a Lebanese flag, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

eign spouses of Lebanese mothers access to work and public education. But the work permits for professions reserved for Lebanese citizens are discretionary and Lebanese children have priority in enrolling in schools.

The government in 2013 accepted a proposal to grant some privileges to people born to Lebanese moth-

ers but didn't amend the law. HRW said since then the government has prioritized citizenship for those living outside the country over children and spouses of Lebanese women living in Lebanon. In 2015, the government passed a law granting citizenship to members of the Lebanese diaspora, again excluding the descendants of Leba-

nese women.

"Recent steps to provide access to basic rights like education and work to the children and spouses of Lebanese women are steps in the right direction, but confusing and piecemeal measures are no substitute for equal citizenship," Fakih said.

Many children born to Lebanese mothers know

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no other home and some have even competed in international competitions representing Lebanon, yet they are still considered foreigners.

Rochana Atmeh, the Lebanese mother of an 8-year-old girl born to a Swedish father, said the family almost missed an Abacus competition in South Africa because the airline stopped them and asked for an English translation of the girl's birth certificate. Issued in Lebanon in Arabic for her Swedish daughter, the document is the only proof Atmeh is her mother. After tears and searching, a translator came through at midnight to help with the documents and Atmeh and her daughter Jennifer Maria Hektor made it to Johannesburg, where Jennifer won first-runner up in her category.

It is a typical experience but this time it almost cost the daughter her prize.

"She's born in Lebanon. She lives in Lebanon with a residency and every three years I have to apply for residency. Nothing on her passport says I am her mother," Atmeh said. □

Putin calls poisoned ex-spy "scumbag," traitor



Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks at the Russian Energy Week International Forum in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018.

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — With a contemptuous grin, Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday called a former double agent who was sickened by a military

grade nerve agent in Britain a traitor and "scumbag" — but dismissed the idea that Russia would target him in a poison attack. Wednesday's remarks marked the first time Putin directly lashed out at

Sergei Skripal, who spent weeks hospitalized with his daughter after both were poisoned in the city of Salisbury in March. British officials allege the attack on the Skripals received approval "at a senior level of the Russian state," an accusation Moscow has angrily rejected.

"He's just a spy, a traitor to the motherland," Putin said of Skripal during a panel discussion at an international energy forum. "Think about it as a citizen, what would be your attitude to someone who betrayed your own country? He's just a scumbag."

Putin reiterated that Russia had no reason to attack Skripal, a former officer of the Russian GRU military intelligence who was sentenced in 2006 to 13 years for spying for Britain. He was

released as part of a 2010 spy swap deal and settled in the U.K.

"There was no need for poisoning," said Putin, himself a former KGB officer. "He was caught, punished, served a total of five years in prison and we let him go. That's it. He left and went on to consult some special services, and so what?"

He added on a sarcastic note that "espionage and prostitution are among the most important professions."

Asked about international sanctions on Russia triggered by the March 4 poisoning, Putin denounced what he described as an "information campaign" over the case and said London has stonewalled Moscow's proposal to conduct a joint probe.

The poisoning further

heightened tensions between Russia and the West and triggered a wave of diplomats' expulsions in which hundreds of envoys were expelled by both Russia and Western nations.

Britain last month charged Alexander Petrov and Russian Boshirov with trying to kill Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, with the Soviet-designed nerve agent Novichok. British police say they believe the nerve agent used to poison Skripal and his daughter was smuggled to Britain in a counterfeit Nina Ricci perfume bottle and applied to the front door of Skripal's house.

More than three months later, the bottle was found by a local man, Charlie Rowley. He was hospitalized and his girlfriend Dawn Sturgess died after being exposed to the contents. □



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Slow arrival of aid frustrates Indonesia quake survivors

By STEPHEN WRIGHT

Associated Press

PALU, Indonesia (AP) — Climbing over reeking piles of sodden food and debris, a crowd on Wednesday searched a warehouse wrecked in Indonesia's earthquake and tsunami for anything they could salvage: cans of condensed milk, soft drinks, rice, candy and painkillers.

A trickle of emergency aid is only now reaching parts of Sulawesi island, five days after the destructive quake that killed more than 1,400 people, and some increasingly desperate survivors are taking matters into their own hands.

"We came here because we heard there was food," said Rehanna, a 23-year-old student, wearing a red motorcycle helmet. "We need clean water, rice."

Elsewhere in the hard-hit city of Palu, residents clapped and cheered as they swarmed a truck that was finally delivering aid.

"I'm so happy," said Heruwanto, clutching a box of instant noodles. The 63-year-old man, who like many Indonesians goes by only one name, added: "I really haven't eaten for three days."

Indonesian authorities have been struggling to get relief to survivors who have been left without food, water, fuel and medicine after Friday's magnitude 7.5 quake and tsunami that smashed homes and businesses, downed communications and made roads impassable on Sulawesi.

The official death toll rose to 1,407 on Wednesday, with thousands injured and more than 70,000 displaced, said national disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho. He said the number of dead would increase, but that



Men scavenge for food inside an abandoned warehouse in an earthquake and tsunami-affected area in Palu, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018.

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rescue crews had reached all affected areas.

The horror was still fresh in the minds of those like furniture maker Khairul Hassan, who was working at a shop near the beach in front of a row of warehouses when the ground shook violently. He ran to a hill and watched as the ocean heaved and hurled forward.

"I saw the waves come and sweep out everything — buildings, factories, warehouses and some people who were lost, racing from the waves, some of them women and children," he said. "Also, warehouse workers who were trapped under goods, all swept by the sea. It's so tragic. It's so scary to remember."

The Sulawesi coastline spreading out from Palu was a surreal landscape of debris, beached boats, overturned cars and the foundations of obliterated houses. Wrecked houses still standing were spray painted with appeals for aid. The wall of one dwell-

ing was scrawled with the message: "Help us Mr. President."

President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo visited the disaster zone Wednesday for a second time, saying there's still work to be done, but that conditions were improving. "We are going in phases. There are lots of things happening related to evacuation, as aid and fuel are also coming in," he said, noting that 30 people remain buried under rubble at the Roa Roa Hotel in Palu.

The U.N. estimated that some 200,000 people need assistance, announcing a \$15 million allocation to bolster relief efforts.

Australia said it will send 50 medical professionals as part of a \$3.6 million aid package. The U.N. said the Indonesian Ministry of Social Affairs has asked UNICEF to send social workers to support vulnerable children who are alone or became separated from their families.

Some homeless residents

weren't waiting for help. Besides those searching for food, dozens of others combed a flattened complex of warehouses along Palu's ravaged coast for anything they could sell or use to rebuild homes. They carted away corrugated metal, wood, piping and other items.

They included all ages, middle class and poor, university students and sullen young men.

"We have to do this because there's no assistance from the government," said Zaitun Rajamangili, 41, adding that his home was swept away but his family survived.

Rehanna, the student searching the warehouse for food, had come from Balaroa, a neighborhood of several hundred houses in Palu that was turned upside down by the quake and where many remain buried beneath the rubble. "I'm very angry," she said of the lack of aid. "I know the assistance is coming,

but the distribution is very bad."

Picking through the pile nearby was a 50-year-old woman named Rosminah, who had a plastic shopping bag bulging with muddy packets of food.

"There's no support. Our house was destroyed," she said. "We came here to search for food. There's no assistance. We have to find it by ourselves."

Following widespread looting and aid vehicles being stopped and surrounded by people on roads, Indonesian military chief Hadi Tjahyanto said one soldier and one police officer would be placed on every aid truck, and that soldiers would be sent to secure markets, the airport and fuel depots to maintain order.

He added that a Singaporean military transport plane will help evacuate victims from Palu. In addition, aircraft from South Korea, the United Kingdom and Japan were expected to ferry aid. Separately, a volcano erupted on another part of seismically active Sulawesi island, about 940 kilometers (585 miles) northeast of the disaster zone.

It sent up a plume of ash more than 6,000 meters (20,680 feet) high. Planes were warned about the ash cloud billowing from Mount Soputan that can be hazardous for aircraft engines. No evacuations were ordered in the area.

Experts said it's possible the quake accelerated the eruption, but there is no concrete evidence to prove that. Activity at the volcano had been increasing since August and began surging Monday, according to the head of Indonesia's Volcanology and Geology Disaster Mitigation Agency. □

Transgender candidates in Brazil push to have voices heard

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Barbara Aires, who was born male, says she spent much of her childhood on the streets because her father, in the military and from the conservative state of Minas Gerais, refused to accept her sexuality.

By her late teenage years, Aires was taking hormones to transition to a woman and, because she couldn't find other employment, working as a prostitute — the fate of many transgender people who are shunned by much of Brazilian society.

Today, Aires is running to be a state representative in Rio de Janeiro, aiming to help transsexuals avoid the same fate she suffered and be a voice for other marginalized people.

"When all you have are rich, white men discussing policies, things will never improve for the majority of people," said Aires, 35, a freelance television producer who is part of the left-leaning Socialism and Liberty Party.

Aires is one of 53 transgender candidates running for state and federal offices in Brazil, a deeply conservative and religious country



In this Sept. 20, 2018 photo, Barbara Aires, 35, poses for a photo next to a mural of slain councilwoman Marielle Franco, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

that is also one of the most dangerous in the world for transsexuals. Last year, 179 were killed compared to 144 in 2016, according to Brazil's National Association of Transvestites and Transsexuals. So far this year, 122 have been killed.

The boom in transgender candidacies — there were only 5 during the last general election in 2014, and none were successful — comes as Latin America's largest nation struggles to emerge from its worst re-

cession in decades and the political class has largely been discredited amid a massive corruption scandal involving billions of dollars in kickbacks to politicians. The presidential poll leader, far-right congressman Jair Bolsonaro, has a long history of offensive comments about gays, transsexuals, women and minorities. For transgender candidates, Bolsonaro's candidacy — the candidate has said it would be better to have a dead son than

a gay son — both invokes fear and stands as potential galvanizer to get people out to the polls. Bolsonaro "represents a step backward and we are very worried," said Bruna Benevides, from the National Association of Transvestites and Transsexuals. "But being transgender has never been easy. We have always been fighting (for acceptance) and will just continue to fight."

Benevides' life encapsulates the struggles that

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many transgender people face, though she considers herself luckier than most. Born male into an evangelical family, at 17 Benevides joined the navy and officially is still part of the institution as a sergeant. However, inside, Benevides always felt like a woman, and four years ago decided to stop dressing as a man for work. She says the navy then prohibited her from working and put her on leave. She has since sued and her case is pending.

Despite widespread discrimination and grim statistics — LGBT groups estimate that 35 is the life expectancy of transgender Brazilians — there are signs of change.

Earlier this year, Brazil's supreme court ruled that people could change their name and gender on their identity cards by simply asking to do so. Previously, any legal change required sex reassignment surgery and court filings.

Also this year, drag queen and singer Pabllo Vittar headlined the parade of one of Rio de Janeiro's most storied samba schools during Carnival. Last year, Tiffany Abreu, a transgender athlete, began playing with a team in the top women's volleyball league. □

Peru court overturns pardon of ex-leader Fujimori



In this March 15, 2018 file photo, Peru's former President Alberto Fujimori listens to a question during his testimony in a courtroom at a military base in Callao, Peru.

By FRANKLIN BRICENO
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Peru's Supreme Court on Wednesday overturned a medical pardon for former Presi-

dent Alberto Fujimori and ordered the strongman be returned to jail to serve out a long sentence for human rights abuses. Former President Pedro

Pablo Kuczynski pardoned Fujimori on humanitarian grounds last Christmas Eve in what was widely seen as an attempt to stave off impeachment by courting favor with Fujimori's allies in Congress. Kuczynski resigned five months later. Almost from the outset, the ruling was slammed by human rights groups as a "pact of impunity" that was illegal because Fujimori's crimes are considered crimes against humanity, and therefore can't be pardoned under Peruvian and international law. The Inter-American Court on Human Rights had also demanded that Peru review its legality. The high court now ruled the pardon was unlaw-

ful. The presiding magistrate in the case ordered the 80-year-old Fujimori be captured immediately so he can serve out the remaining 14 years of a 25-year sentence for his role in the killing of several civilians, including an 8-year-old boy, during raids by an anti-communist army unit created by his government. "Today is one of the saddest days in my life," a weeping Keiko Fujimori, the former president's daughter and current leader of the conservative Popular Force party, told a group of journalists outside her father's residence. Fujimori, who governed from 1990 to 2000, remains a polarizing figure in Peru. □

Some Peruvians laud him for defeating the Maoist Shining Path guerrilla movement, while others loathe him for human rights violations carried out under his government. A former mathematics professor, Fujimori was a political outsider when he emerged from obscurity to win Peru's 1990 presidential election over writer Mario Vargas Llosa. Peru was being ravaged by runaway inflation and guerrilla violence when he took office. He quickly rebuilt the economy with mass privatizations of state industries. Defeating the fanatical Shining Path rebels took longer but his fight won him broad-based support. □

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Suresh Mirchumal is a spiritual writer. "Well, you can categorize it like that, although I don't call myself one. These thoughts come in effortlessly." His aim is in a way to reach out to whoever gets inspired or has an eye opening event within them that may transcend their current state of consciousness. "Or let's say current emotional state too. If one in a thousand benefits, that is already great." Due to the current world state, lots of struggles and stresses, we seem to lose touch with that inner peace that we long for, Suresh explains. "I wish to ease that through these small articles or tidbits." You will find his tidbits in Aruba Today, like a sunray of the day. **If you wish to make use of Suresh his services like meditation or just a talk, please email to: Thedimensionofsilence@gmail.com.**



Creative Islander

Column by:

By Thaïs G. Franken

Sustainability Through Aruban Culture and Creativity

Maastricht – In the last years the talk has been on sustainability and creating development opportunities amongst all countries (developed and developing) around the world, to end poverty and to put the human being as the central component for policy making.

From local governments to international organizations, the role of culture and creativity is gaining more insight and recognition as vital tools to solve current challenges within our communities. This week we will explore the role of culture in the sustainable development cycle. Considering the imperial role of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on Aruba, we will learn more on the possible contribution of culture and creativity on the socio-economic development on the island.

The SDGs or the Global Goals for Sustainable Development are collection of 17 global goals set by the United Nations General Assembly in efforts to end challenges such as poverty, gender inequality, climate change and to stimulate economic growth, education and health care for all. These 17 goals have been structured through a range of 169 targets and many indicators. Aruba, as a member of the Dutch Kingdom, pertains to the implementation of the SDGs since 2015.

In the case of the Cultural and Creative Industries (CCI), most SDGs are relevant and have influence on further developments within a CCI. For instance, CCIs can be connected to goals targeting inclusivity, cultural heritage preservation, entrepreneurship, skills training for the youth, the use of technology and creativity to solve social problems in resilient societies, such as Aruba. The previous and the current government of Aruba have both expressed their interest in developing a CCI on Aruba. Since 2016 it has been on the list as a potential economic pillar for the island with the goals of diversifying the local economy.

The contribution of the CCI can be reflected on through economic, cultural and social development aspects. Related to the SDGs, the CCI can identify itself with three different SDGs which are; SDG 8.3 (economic development), SDG 11.4 (cultural development), and SDG 4.7 (social development).

- SDG 8.3 emphasizes on the promotion of development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services.

- Next to this, SDG 11.4 focusses to strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural heritage.

- Lastly, SDG 4.7 seeks to ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development.

Culture and Sustainable Development

Now, going into the more theoretical aspects of sustainability and culture. Duxbury, Hosaghahar and Pascual (2016) elaborated on the concept of sustainable development as it occurs to cultural dimensions within societies. Upon analysis



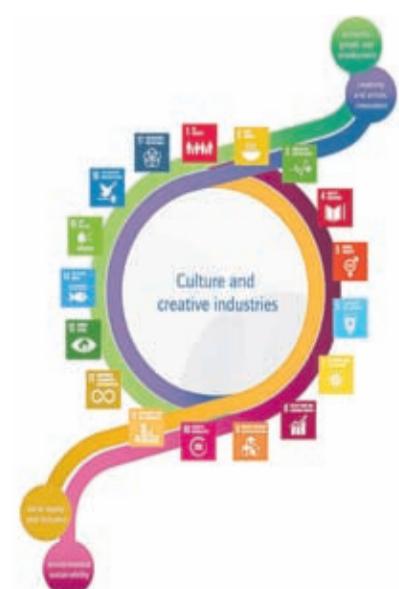
of the streets of the cultural city of Aruba, San Nicolas, the very public expression of its community states "we culture". People feel very connected to their culture, because it is part of their past, present and future. It is evident that culture is significant to human development.

Now, Duxbury et al. indicates that there are three ways sustainable development is related to culture. The first one is when "culture is IN sustainable development". Here, culture is added as a separate pillar, equal to other pillars in the economic, social and environmental sectors. In this situation, culture plays a major supportive role in a society and is considered an asset. The second way is when "culture is FOR sustainable development". Here, culture is the mediator between the economic, cultural and social sectors. Lastly, there is "culture AS sustainable development". Here, culture has the position of being the foundation of development.

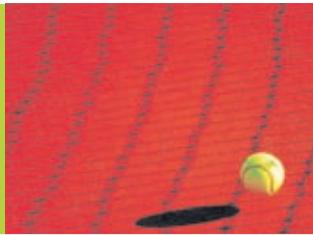
What about Aruba?

Considering the Aruban cultural sphere and heritage, the role of the SDGs globally is to transition from "culture in sustainable development", the more traditional view of culture, towards "culture as sustainable development", the more contemporary view of culture within societies. However, the task for Aruba is to identify which direction it will take going further. Currently, culture stands as a separate entity and is not directly inclusive, even though, this is slowly changing.

It is important for our community to be involved in this process. Culture and creativity, as dynamic as it is, will need to be integrated within our economic, educational and social national policies. The idea of culture AS sustainable development is the outlook of inclusion. The aim is to use culture and creativity as a tool for innovation to inspire the next generations. As well as using culture and creativity to safeguard the Aruban cultural heritage. The contemporary cultural facets to preserve the past and to innovate towards the future. Now, I have a question for you. As we say in Papiamento: cultura DEN, PA of COMO desaroryo sostenibel? What do you think? □



SPORTS



Patrick Reed of the U.S. gestures after sinking a putt on the 9th hole during a fourball match on the second day of the 42nd Ryder Cup at Le Golf National in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, outside Paris, France, Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018.

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Reed's passion for Ryder Cup turns poisonous

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES, France (AP) — What the Americans need is a Ryder Cup team filled with guys like Patrick Reed. As long as Patrick Reed isn't one of them. Three days on Le Golf National went bad enough for a powerful U.S. team that lost its way off the tee and on the scoreboard. Europe won eight consecutive matches, built a four-point lead going into Sunday's singles session and never gave the Americans much hope on its way to another victory on home soil. And then Reed managed to make them look even worse. In a telephone interview with The New York Times later Sunday, Reed blamed Jordan Spieth for them not playing together and U.S. captain Jim Furyk for twice leaving Reed on the bench.



Rockies beat Cubs in sudden-death record

Colorado Rockies catcher Tony Wolters, rear, and left fielder Gerardo Parra, front, celebrate their win against the Chicago Cubs in the National League wild-card playoff baseball game, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018, in Chicago. The Rockies won 2-1.

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Luck, Colts hope to turn around recent fortunes vs. Patriots

By KYLE HIGHTOWER

AP Sports Writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass.

(AP) — Beginning in the early 2000s and lasting for more than a decade, the matchups between Peyton Manning's Colts and Tom Brady's Patriots were must-watch matchups.

From their three AFC championship games, to the six regular-season MVP awards Brady and Manning captured during that span, quarterback play was the centerpiece of the rivalry.

Manning's departure from Colts and Andrew Luck's arrival in 2012 ushered in a new era in Indianapolis. But so far Luck hasn't been able to duplicate the success that his predecessor had against the Patriots.

In five starts against New England, Luck has yet to notch his first victory against Brady.

Luck is hoping to change his fortunes on Thursday night, when his comeback tour stops in New England.

"Certainly (in) my experience, we have come up on the short end and that's not fun," he said.

"Obviously, we would like to turn that around. We would like to flip the story in a sense. But growing up I



At left, in a Sept. 9, 2018, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) runs out of the pocket during the second half of an NFL football game against the Houston Texans, in Foxborough, Mass. At right, in a Sept. 30, 2018, file photo, Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck (12) runs during the second half of an NFL football game against the Houston Texans, in Indianapolis.

remember some of those great games, certainly that AFC championship game here. So yeah, I do think I have an appreciation for it."

But on a team that has had a significant change in the roster over the past two seasons, the rivalry hasn't been exactly the hottest topic around the locker room.

"A young roster, just not as

much talk about it," said Colts coach Frank Reich, who saw some of those big games up close when he started his coaching career.

Perhaps that's because Indy has lost seven straight games in the series.

Things heated up again in February when Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels reneged on his verbal agreement with

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Colts general manager Chris Ballard to become Indianapolis' new head coach.

"The rivalry is back on," Ballard said as he left a news conference to announce the new search had begun.

But the Colts (1-3) have started slowly since Luck returned to action after more than a year away following shoulder surgery.

The Patriots (2-2) also had a modest start to the season, but may be turning a corner coming off a dominating 38-7 win over the Miami Dolphins.

Thursday is expected to mark receiver Julian Edelman's season debut after he served a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's policy on performance enhancers.

It's just in time for Brady, who has struggled at times this season without a dependable receiver to go to on third down.

Edelman, who has been with the Patriots since 2009, also set out the 2017 season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in the preseason. "I think we've played so much football together, I really have no doubt where he's going to be at, what he's capable of," Brady

said.

"He's been a great player for our team. I think everyone's excited to have him back, and anytime you add great players, it's going to help what we're doing."

Here are some things to watch for in Thursday's game:

FINAL CHAPTER?

New England gave kicker Adam Vinatieri his NFL start back in 1996 when he beat out veteran Matt Bahr for the job.

Thursday night could be his final appearance in Foxborough, Massachusetts.

Though he's on the cusp of breaking Morten Andersen's career scoring record and has shown no indication he's slowing down, the reality is the 45-year-old Vinatieri signed a one-year contract during the off-season and there's no assurance the Colts could be heading back to New England any time soon. Indy won't play another round robin with the AFC East until 2022.

Not that the four-time Super Bowl champion has given it much thought.

"It very well could be. I guess every game could be your last game you know," he said. "I just haven't thought that far ahead."

GRONK ON THE MEND

Patriots TE Rob Gronkowski left in the second half of New England's win over Miami after aggravating an ankle injury.

He did not participate in the Patriots' first practice of the week Tuesday. Brady has had trouble getting the ball in Gronk's hands over the past three games. He's had just 10 catches for 110 yards and no touchdowns over that span. Gronk has only one touchdown reception on the season.

MILESTONE WATCH

With a victory, Brady (225 wins) can tie Vinatieri (226) for the most wins by a player in NFL history.

Brady enters the game three touchdowns shy of 500 regular-season touchdown passes. He trails only Manning (539) and Brett Favre (508). □

Jets' Crowell fined \$13K by NFL for TD 'wipe' celebration

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Well, that's one way to flush some money away.

New York Jets running back Isaiah Crowell was fined \$13,369 by the NFL on Tuesday for his crude touchdown celebration in Cleveland.

After scoring against his former team on Sept. 20, Crowell took the football and wiped it against his rear end before firing it into the stands. It made for a viral moment from New York's 21-17 loss to previously winless Cleveland, and earned Crowell a scolding from coach Todd Bowles.

"It was inexcusable," Bowles said after the game. "We talked about it and it will never happen again." Crowell insisted he wasn't trying to send a message to the team for which he played four seasons before signing with the Jets as a free agent in March. He said he was just having fun, but felt bad about the unsportsmanlike conduct penalty his celebration drew.

The news doesn't all stink for Crowell, who actually landed a promotional deal with Dude Wipes — a company that sells a toilet paper substitute for men.

Both the company and

Crowell posted photos on social media of the running back holding boxes of the wipes.

"Thanks to @dudewipes I am now covered," Crowell wrote in his post on Instagram. "Never leave home without them."

Crowell wasn't the only player to get a big fine dumped on him.

Atlanta's Brian Poole was docked \$20,054 for a horse-collar tackle and \$20,054 for roughing the passer for a total of \$40,108; and Minnesota's Anthony Barr was fined \$10,026 for a facemask call and \$20,054 for a horse-collar tackle for a total of \$30,080. □

Caps winger Wilson banned 20 games for preseason hit

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Washington Capitals forward Tom Wilson was banned 20 games by the NHL on Wednesday for a blindside hit to the head of an opponent during the preseason, a punishment reflecting what the league called an "unprecedented" series of suspensions for the physical player.

Wilson's fourth ban in less than 13 months will cost him nearly a quarter of the 82-game regular season and \$1.26 million in salary. It was announced just hours before the reigning Stanley Cup champion Capitals were to raise a banner and open their title defense by hosting the Boston Bruins. The right winger, who plays on Washington's top line with captain Alex Ovechkin, drew a 10-minute penalty for the hit on St. Louis Blues center Oskar Sundqvist in the second pe-



In this Sept. 30, 2018, file photo, Washington Capitals right wing Tom Wilson (43) is escorted by an official off the ice after he checked St. Louis Blues center Oskar Sundqvist, on ice at back center, during the second period of an NHL preseason hockey game, in Washington.

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riod of the teams' exhibition game on Sunday. Wilson had an in-person hearing with the NHL's Department of Player Safety in New York on Wednesday.

The video released to explain the punishment says: "Wilson delivers a high, forceful hit, which makes

Sundqvist's head the main point of contact on a hit where such head contact was avoidable and causes an injury." It also admonishes him for taking "a poor angle of approach." Blues coach Mike Yeo called the hit "predatory." Wilson's suspension is the

longest in the NHL for on-ice play since Raffi Torres of the San Jose Sharks was banned for 41 games in 2015, also for a preseason hit.

The league noted that Wilson "is considered a repeat offender" — and, indeed, this is hardly the first time Wilson has been in trouble for the way he has taken out an opposing player.

He was suspended twice because of preseason hits a year ago, then had to sit out three games during the playoffs for a check to the head that broke Pittsburgh Penguins center Zach Aston-Reese's jaw and caused a concussion. "In short, including pre-season and postseason games played, this is Wilson's fourth suspension in his last 105 games, an unprecedented frequency of suspensions in the history of the Department of Player Safety," the NHL video says. The Capitals see Wilson as

a vital part of the franchise, and general manager Brian MacLellan signed him to a \$31 million, six-year contract this offseason.

Wilson doubled his career high with 14 goals and set a new mark with 35 points last season, when he was the only NHL forward with 30-plus points and 90-plus penalty minutes, finishing with 187 and a league-high 41 minors. Then he contributed 15 points in 21 games during Washington's run to its first championship.

"There are certain ways they are calling things. You need to be aware of how they're making their calls on suspensions. He's a big, strong guy who skates really well. There is a lot of force behind his contact," MacLellan said Tuesday, the day before the suspension was issued. "He needs to be aware of how they're determining what's legal and what's illegal from the league's standpoint." □

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Rockies top Cubs 2-1 in 13 innings in epic wild-card game

By JAY COHEN

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Tony Wolters waited and waited as the NL wild-card game went deep into Tuesday night. He stretched a couple of times and tried to figure out when he might get a chance to play.

When that opportunity arrived, he was ready.

Wolters hit a tiebreaking single with two outs in the 13th inning and the Colorado Rockies outlasted the Chicago Cubs 2-1 at Wrigley Field in the longest win-or-go-home postseason game in major league history.

"Probably the biggest hit I've ever had, that's for sure," he said.

The 26-year-old Wolters, claimed off waivers from Cleveland in 2016, entered as part of a double switch in the bottom of the 12th. The reserve catcher came up with runners at the corners and drove in Trevor Story with a two-strike hit back up the middle off losing pitcher Kyle Hendricks, quieting the crowd of 40,151 on a crisp fall night. After playing its third big game over three days in three different cities, Colorado now heads to Milwaukee to open a best-of-five Division Series against the NL Central champion Brewers on Thursday.

"We didn't make it easy on ourselves, that's for sure," Story said, "but we're going to enjoy this one tonight and we're definitely not done."

Scott Oberg, the sixth Colorado pitcher, fanned Kris Bryant for the final out of the 12th and then struck out the side in the 13th to end the longest postseason game at 104-year-old Wrigley. Terrance Gore tried to sell that he was hit by a pitch, but was sent back to the plate after a replay review confirmed the initial call.

After Albert Almora Jr. struck out swinging for the final out, Wolters ran out and grabbed Oberg. They were soon joined by the rest of the excited Rockies in a rollicking purple mob near the mound.



Colorado Rockies' Tony Wolters hits a one-run single against the Chicago Cubs during the 13th inning of the National League wild-card playoff baseball game Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, in Chicago.

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"You're always wondering, 'How's this going to end?' But our guys fought all night and to be able to get that last out there was great," Oberg said.

Wolters got his first hit since Sept. 10 in his playoff debut, and it was just the second postseason game for Oberg. Previously, the longest winner-take-all games in the postseason were 12-inning affairs in the 2014 AL wild-card round and Game 7 of the 1924 World Series.

This one lasted 4 hours, 55 minutes, and had pretty much everything, too. Hendricks was the third starting pitcher used by the Cubs, after Jon Lester worked six solid innings and Cole Hamels was pressed into action after the teams were tied at 1 through nine. Rockies third baseman Nolan Arenado exchanged a memorable hug with Javier Baez after he tagged the excitable Cubs star in the 11th.

Colorado moved on to the Division Series for the first time since 2009. The Rockies lost to Arizona in the NL wild-card game a year ago.

"Such a crazy game," Story said.

The Cubs made it to the NLCS in each of the previous three seasons, winning the 2016 World Series to break a 108-year drought, but they were plagued by an inconsistent offense all season long. Chicago finished with six hits and left 10 runners on base after managing only three hits in Monday's 3-1 home loss to the Brewers in the NL Central tiebreaker.

"We played that game a lot," said manager Joe Maddon, who matched a postseason record by using 23 players. "Believe me, it was on my mind for a large part of it."

This time, it was Kyle Freeland cruising through Maddon's lineup.

Starting on three days' rest for the first time in the pros, Freeland struck out six in 6 2/3 scoreless innings. The Denver native looked quite comfortable in his first career playoff appearance, helping his hometown team bounce back from Monday's NL West tie-breaker loss to the Dodgers in Los Angeles.

"Sometimes you just get beat and we got beat tonight," Lester said.

Lester helped Chicago stick around by matching

Arenado's sacrifice fly drove in Blackmon.

Lester then limited the damage by striking out Story and Matt Holliday with LeMahieu on third.

That one run looked as if it might hold up as Freeland cruised into the seventh. After Story robbed Daniel Murphy of a hit with a diving grab at shortstop, manager Bud Black replaced Freeland with Adam Ottavino.

Chicago loaded the bases with two outs, getting some help when Drew Butera was called for catcher's interference, but Ottavino struck out pinch-hitter Jason Heyward to end the inning.

The Cubs got another chance when Anthony Rizzo singled with two outs in the eighth, and Maddon went for it. He ran for his star first base

man with the speedy Gore, who promptly swiped second.

Ottavino had an 0-2 count on Baez when his third pitch got too much of the plate. The free-swinging slugger drove it into the gap in left-center for a tying double, easily scoring Gore from second and sending a charge through the crowd.

Hitters had been 0 for 36 against Ottavino with an 0-2 count this year. □

MLB gives Russell 40-game ban under domestic violence policy

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Cubs infielder Addison Russell has accepted a 40-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy. Commissioner Rob Manfred announced the ban in a statement Wednesday. MLB had been investigating domestic violence allegations against Russell made by his ex-wife, Melisa Reidy. Russell had denied the accusations, which Reidy detailed in a blog post in September. Russell's unpaid suspension includes the 11 regular-season games he missed after being placed on administrative leave Sept. 21. Russell will be eligible to return on May 3 against St. Louis, barring any postponements, and he will not appeal the suspension. He will also participate in an evaluation and treatment program.

The Cubs' season ended Tuesday with a 2-1, 13-inning defeat to the Colorado Rockies in the NL wild-card game. Russell was not active for the game. □



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Hyun-Jin Ryu, of South Korea, is sprayed with champagne by teammates in the clubhouse after the team's 5-2 win against the Colorado Rockies in a tiebreaker baseball game, Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, in Los Angeles.

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Dodgers to start Ryu in Game 1 of NLDS against Braves

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hyun-Jin Ryu will start for the Los Angeles Dodgers at home in Game 1 of the NL Division Series against the Atlanta Braves on Thursday. The defending National League champions said ace Clayton Kershaw will take the ball Friday in Game 2. Mike Foltynewicz (13-10, 2.85 ERA) is scheduled to pitch the opener for the NL East champion Braves. Ryu missed extensive time

with a groin injury this season but went 7-3 with a 1.97 ERA in 15 starts. He had a 1.50 ERA in five outings last month and will be working on normal rest in the best-of-five series opener. The left-hander from South Korea compiled a 1.15 ERA in nine regular-season starts at home for the NL West champions. Kershaw (9-5, 2.73 ERA) will be making his 25th career postseason appearance and his 20th start. □

Witness details secret payments in college hoops recruiting



In this Feb. 21, 2018 file photo, former Louisville basketball Hall of Fame coach Rick Pitino talks to reporters during a news conference in New York.

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NEW YORK (AP) — A New Jersey financial adviser is testifying at a college basketball corruption trial about how he became the bag man for a secret cash payment to a highly prized high school prospect.

Munish Sood testified in Manhattan federal court on Wednesday that he gave about \$19,500 last year to the father of top recruit Brian Bowen Jr. He said the money was meant to get Bowen to commit to the University of Louisville. After the payments were revealed, Bowen left Louisville. The school also fired coach Rick Pitino.

Sood pleaded guilty in a case against a former Adidas executive and two other men charged in an alleged scheme. They have denied they harmed college programs. He said he's still advising pro athletes, including Kyle Kuzma of the Los Angeles Lakers. □



In this Friday, Sept. 28, 2018, file photo, Baltimore Orioles manager Buck Showalter watches from dugout railing in the second inning of a baseball game against the Houston Astros in Baltimore.

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Showalter fired as Orioles manager after 115-loss season

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Buck Showalter has been fired as manager of the Orioles, who made three playoff appearances under his guidance but this year staggered through the worst season since the team moved to Baltimore in 1954.

Showalter confirmed the dismissal Wednesday in a text message to The Associated Press.

A three-time AL Manager of the Year, Showalter ranks second on the Orioles' career list with 669 victories, trailing Earl Weaver. He took over in August 2010 and orchestrated the resurgence of a team that suffered through 14 straight losing seasons.

Once hailed for making baseball in Baltimore relevant again, the 62-year-old Showalter is out of a job after a season in which the Orioles finished 47-115, 61 games behind Boston in the AL East. His contract expired at the end of October, and the Orioles opted against a renewal as they continue a major rebuild that began in late July, when they traded stars Manny Machado, Zach Britton, Jonathan Schoop and Kevin Gausman for mi-

nor league prospects.

Those deals were made by Dan Duquette, the executive vice president of baseball operations, whose future with the organization is up in the air.

Showalter earned AL Manager of the Year honors in 2014 after taking the Orioles to the AL East title and a berth in the Championship Series. He was also named Manager of Year with the Yankees in 1994 and Texas in 2004. His career record is 1,551-1,517, including 669-684 with Baltimore.

"I just think ever since he came here, the franchise just gained a little more accountability, gained an edge for some time," Orioles outfielder Adam Jones said before the final game of the season. "It's the end of an era. A great manager, a great tenure. I don't know if he's going to coach or manage again, but he's got grandchildren. Go golf. Relax and go sit on the golf course."

With his future in doubt, Showalter appeared undaunted during the final series of the regular season. "You know how good they've been to me? I'm not ever going to forget that, regardless of what happens," he said.

After the Orioles brought

Showalter out of retirement, he offered renewed hope by fashioning a 34-23 finish in 2010 for a team that was 32-73 upon his arrival. Baltimore ended a 14-year playoff drought in 2012, advancing to the AL Division Series following a victory over Texas in the wild-card game. Playoff appearances in 2014 and 2016 followed. Last year, however, the Orioles fell to 75-87 after losing 19 of their final 23 games. Baltimore hoped the addition of starters Alex Cobb and Andrew Cashner would enable the team to be a contender this year, but a horrid start quickly dispelled that notion.

The Orioles' deficit in the AL East reached double digits by April 18 and they were 8-27 on May 8. By the end of July, Baltimore fully entered rebuilding mode, leaving Showalter with the dubious distinction of overseeing a team that finished with the poorest record in the majors and one that surpassed the 1939 St. Louis Browns for most losses in franchise history.

Showalter never offered an excuse. He just grinded forward, working to prepare the team for 2019 even though he knew he might not be around to follow through. □

Reed's passion

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"The issue's obviously with Jordan not wanting to play with me," Reed told the Times. "I don't have any issue with Jordan. When it comes right down to it, I don't care if I like the person I'm paired with or if the person likes me as long as it works and it sets up the team for success. He and I know how to make each other better. We know how to get the job done." Reed doesn't care about relationships forged during the week.

He cares only about winning.

That's the European way. That's what America needs.

Sam Torrance, who won the clinching match in 1985 when Europe won for the first time since 1957, said in one of the inspirational videos for Team Europe leading up to the matches: "It's not about taking part. It's about winning. Nothing else."

They win as one. They don't lose very often.

European captain Thomas Bjorn said poignantly after Europe built a 10-6 advantage going into singles: "This is 12 players, and we do this together. We've been playing with eight in every session, but it's about 12, and we felt like we've

been a whole team on the golf course every session." But the passion of Reed came off as poison with his remarks to the Times.

He made it clear that he is one of 12 only if he gets his way.

Reed didn't get to play with Spieth, the only partner he has had in two previous appearances. He said he was blindsided when Spieth was paired with Justin Thomas, a longtime friend making his Ryder Cup debut before a European crowd.

Read between the lines of his rant and Reed complained about getting stuck with Tiger Woods, his idol.

"Any time you get to tee it up with Big Cat, it's always fun," Reed said when the pairings came out.

Except when you lose.

They were 3 up through 10 holes when Francesco Molinari and Tommy Fleetwood made five birdies over the last seven holes to win on the 17th hole. The next morning against the same European juggernaut, Reed was in the water, constantly in the rough, out-of-bounds and usually in his pocket. The match lasted 14 holes. Woods went back out with Bryson DeChambeau. Reed sat again. His performance Saturday morning would



Patrick Reed of the US tosses his putter into the air after missing a shot during a fourball match on the second day of the 42nd Ryder Cup at Le Golf National in Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, outside Paris, France, Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018.

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not have provided much help in alternate shot Saturday afternoon.

"For somebody as successful in the Ryder Cup as I am, I don't think it's smart to sit me twice," Reed said.

Looking back, maybe he's right. Furyk should have sat him three times.

That "Captain America" nickname is going to be hard for Reed to earn back, if he ever does.

The loss was not Furyk's

fault. All a captain can do is get players in position to perform. The performance is up to them. Three of his wild-card picks — Woods, DeChambeau and Phil Mickelson — combined to go 0-9.

No one was complaining about his picks on the way to Paris.

They should call this the Hindsight Cup.

No one mentioned problems with the U.S. system

after the Americans won two years ago in a home game at Hazeltine. If anything, Europe was having a transition year in the Ryder Cup with six rookies, none of whom qualified or were picked for this team.

Yes, the Americans have a problem in the Ryder Cup: They have to play Europe. And now they have another one. Steve Stricker is the likely choice to be the next U.S. captain when the Ryder Cup goes to Whistling Straits, about an hour from where he grew up in Wisconsin. What does he do with a player who publicly puts his own interests ahead of the team?

Not that Reed cares what he says.

He caused a buzz in Boston when he took to Twitter after going to Fenway Park to sarcastically thank the PGA Tour for free tickets that put him, his wife and her sister in the "line drive section."

Reed, who earned just short of \$5 million this year, said he paid \$650 to upgrade the tickets and ended up in the same section as the rest of the PGA Tour at the game.

He took a dig at Spieth this year at Bay Hill while asking for relief from a palmetto bush. When denied free relief, Reed said, "I guess my name needs to be Jordan Spieth." He then asked for a third opinion "from an unbiased source." □

Del Potro qualifies for ATP Finals, reaches Beijing quarters



Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina hits a return shot between his legs while competing against Karen Khachanov of Russia in their second round men's singles match in the China Open at the National Tennis Stadium in Beijing, Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018.

BEIJING (AP) — Juan Martin del Potro qualified for the ATP Finals for the fifth time

by beating Karen Khachanov 6-4, 7-6 (4) Wednesday at the China Open.

season-ending tournament for the top eight players in the world in 2013.

Del Potro will next meet Filip Krajinovic in the quarterfinals in Beijing. Krajinovic defeated Feliciano Lopez 7-6 (5), 6-3. Also, third-seeded Grigor Dimitrov was beaten by Dusan Lajovic 6-4, 2-6, 6-4. Lajovic will next face fifth-seeded Kyle Edmund, who defeated qualifier Matteo Berrettini 7-5, 6-7 (2), 7-5.

In women's play, Karolina Pliskova advanced to the third round for the third consecutive year by beating Aliaksandra Sasnovich 6-3, 6-4.

The seventh-seeded Pliskova, who trailed 2-0 in the

second set at the National Tennis Stadium before winning four games in a row, has lost in the third round the last two years in Beijing. She will next play local wild-card entry Wang Qiang.

Second-seeded Caroline Wozniacki earned the final spot in the third round with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over Petra Martic. "I was just trying to stay focused and tried to run a lot of balls down, try to mix up the pace, be aggressive when I could," said Wozniacki, who will next play Anett Kontaveit.

Anastasija Sevastova became the first player to reach the quarterfinals by beating Donna Vekic 6-3, 6-2. □

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Del Potro, who reached the U.S. Open final this year, last qualified for the

NHL is moving forward with Seattle expansion bid

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Hockey Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The NHL is moving forward with plans to expand to Seattle. Commissioner Gary Bettman said Tuesday the Board of Governors' executive committee recommended proceeding with Seattle's expansion application, with an eye on voting to approve the league's 32nd franchise in December. The recommendation came a few hours after key stakeholders presented their case to the committee and hit it off enough that Seattle could be awarded a team two months from now.

"The notion is have the board vote on expansion," Bettman said. "And assuming, as I think everybody is, that it would be approved — I don't want to be presumptuous of the board's prerogative — but everything seems to be on track." It was the best possible news that could have come out of the meetings for proponents of the NHL in Seattle. Bettman agreed with Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan that the preference is for the team to begin play in the 2020-21 season, and that's still a very real possibility as long as renovations to KeyArena in downtown Seattle proceed as scheduled.

"I'm very confident we're going to be able to move forward and get what

we need from the NHL and the team and stick to the schedule so we have hockey in 2020," Durkan said. "They know we want it in 2020 and (the league would) like to have it in 2020, too, if we get the team."

When the board next meets Dec. 3-4, Bettman expects a full report on Seattle expansion and said the goal is to for the governors to vote at that time, with 24 of 32 needed for approval. It's conceivable the board votes to give Seattle the green light for 2020 contingent on the arena with the option to push things back to 2021 if necessary.

Approval seems assured at this point. Bettman said the endorsement by the nine-owner executive committee "speaks volumes," and it seems unlikely the board will turn down a \$650 million expansion fee for the opportunity to expand to the U.S. Pacific Northwest, provide a natural geographic rival for the Vancouver Canucks and balance the Eastern and Western conferences at 16 teams each. "It looks good," Vancouver owner Francesco Aquilini said. "It's exciting. We want a team in Seattle. It's great for Vancouver. It's great for the league. It's eventually going to happen. KeyArena is going to be built. So I think it's imminent."

After meeting with the executive committee for well



Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan, left, walks with Seattle Hockey Partners David Wright, center, David Bonderman, second from right, and Tim Leiweke as they leave a meeting at National Hockey League headquarters, Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, in New York.

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over an hour, Durkan, Seattle Hockey Partners President and CEO Tod Leiweke, majority owner David Bonderman did not want to do a victory lap yet.

"It's been a long time coming and we can be patient," Leiweke said.

Tod's brother, Tim, Hollywood producer Jerry Bruckheimer and fellow minor owner David Wright were also part of the contingent that made what Bettman called an "excellent" presentation.

"With the mayor's help, what we tried to get across was Seattle is ready for a team, we got potentially

a facility that will get built, a partnership with the city and away we go," Bonderman said. "All we need is a franchise."

The NHL had been at 30 teams since 2000 when it decided in 2016 to expand to Las Vegas.

The Golden Knights began play a year ago and made a stirring run to the Stanley Cup Final in their inaugural season.

That process began with a season-ticket drive the league approved in the winter of 2014 to see if Las Vegas would be a viable hockey market. Seattle sold 10,000 season-ticket

deposits in 12 minutes, and team officials say they now have 32,000 as excitement builds for the return of a major professional winter sports team in the biggest U.S. market without one. The ticket numbers, a plan to renovate KeyArena and a video showcasing the benefits of Seattle expansion were all part of the presentation at the league office. What did not come up in that meeting was the status of the collective bargaining agreement, which the owners or players could choose in September 2019 to terminate effective Sept. 15, 2020. □

NASCAR to remove restrictor plates at Daytona and Talladega

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP)

— NASCAR will use two primary rules packages next season and race at Daytona and Talladega without restrictor plates for the first time since 1987.

The rules packages revealed Tuesday will be tailored to specific tracks and designed to slow Cup Series cars to create more passing for the lead. At Daytona and Talladega, the two fastest tracks in NASCAR were horsepower-sapping plates are used

on the engines, NASCAR will now use a thicker tapered spacer with tapered holes aimed to restrict air flow.

NASCAR next year wants to lower the horsepower in Cup cars at 21 races, all on ovals larger than 1.2 miles, from 750hp to 550hp. The 14 races on tracks shorter than 1.2 miles in length will use the same sized spacers from this season.

The season-opening Daytona 500 next year will be run under current configu-

rations that combine the restrictor plate with a tapered spacer. NASCAR will go to just a spacer at Daytona and Talladega after the 500.

NASCAR believes the adjustments will create more passing, more drafting and afford a better throttle response for the drivers. NASCAR executive vice president Steve O'Donnell insisted the idea is not to create pack racing at every track, but instead tighter competition. □



In this photo shot with a fisheye lens the field take the green flag to start the NASCAR Cup series auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018.

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What comes next in Facebook's major data breach

By MATT O'BRIEN and MAE ANDERSON

AP Technology Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — For users, Facebook's revelation of a data breach that gave attackers access to 50 million accounts raises an important question: What happens next?

For the owners of the affected accounts, and of another 40 million that Facebook considered at risk, the first order of business may be a simple one: sign back into the app. Facebook logged everyone out of all 90 million accounts in order to reset digital keys the hackers had stolen — keys normally used to keep users logged in, but which could also give outsiders full control of the compromised accounts.

Next up is the waiting game, as Facebook continues its investigation and users scan for notifications that their accounts were targeted by the hackers.

What Facebook knows so far is that hackers got access to the 50 million accounts by exploiting three distinct bugs in Facebook's code that allowed them to steal those digital keys, technically known as "access tokens." The company says it has fixed the bugs.

Users don't need to change their Facebook passwords, it said, although security experts say it couldn't hurt to do so.



In this May 1, 2018, file photo, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg makes the keynote speech at F8, Facebook's developer conference in San Jose, Calif.

Facebook, however, doesn't know who was behind the attacks or where they're based. In a call with reporters on Friday, CEO Mark Zuckerberg — whose own account was compromised — said that attackers would have had the ability to view private messages or post on someone's account, but there's no sign that they did.

"We do not yet know if any of the accounts were actually misused," Zuckerberg said.

The hack is the latest setback for Facebook during a tumultuous year of security problems and privacy issues. So far, though, none

of these issues have significantly shaken the confidence of the company's 2 billion global users.

This latest hack involved bugs in Facebook's "View As" feature, which lets people see how their profiles appear to others. The attackers used that vulnerability to steal access tokens from the accounts of people whose profiles came up in searches using the "View As" feature. The attack then moved along from one user's Facebook friend to another. Possession of those tokens would allow attackers to control those accounts.

One of the bugs was more

than a year old and affected how the "View As" feature interacted with Facebook's video uploading feature for posting "happy birthday" messages, said Guy Rosen, Facebook's vice president of product management. But it wasn't until mid-September that Facebook noticed an uptick in unusual activity, and not until this week that it learned of the attack, Rosen said.

"We haven't yet been able to determine if there was specific targeting" of particular accounts, Rosen said in a call with reporters. "It does seem broad. And we don't yet know who

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was behind these attacks and where they might be based."

Neither passwords nor credit card data was stolen, Rosen said. He said the company has alerted the FBI and regulators in the United States and Europe. Jake Williams, a security expert at Rendition Infosec, said he is concerned that the hack could have affected third party applications.

Williams noted that the company's "Facebook Login" feature lets users log into other apps and websites with their Facebook credentials. "These access tokens that were stolen show when a user is logged into Facebook and that may be enough to access a user's account on a third party site," he said.

Facebook confirmed late Friday that third party apps, including its own Instagram app, could have been affected.

"The vulnerability was on Facebook, but these access tokens enabled someone to use the account as if they were the account-holder themselves," Rosen said.

News broke early this year that a data analytics firm once employed by the Trump campaign, Cambridge Analytica, had improperly gained access to personal data from millions of user profiles. □

Child experts file FTC complaint against Facebook kids' app

By BARBARA ORTUTAY

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Children's and public health advocacy groups say Facebook's kid-centric messaging app violates federal law by collecting kids' personal information without getting verifiable consent from their parents. The Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood and other groups asked the Federal Trade Commission on Wednesday to investigate Facebook's Messenger Kids for violating the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, or COPPA.



In this Feb. 16, 2018, file photo, Facebook's Messenger Kids app is displayed on an iPhone in New York.

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The complaint says the app does not meet COPPA requirements because it doesn't try to ensure that the person who sets up the kids' account and gives consent to have their data collected is the actual parent. In fact, the groups say, someone could set up a brand new, fictional account and immediately approve a kid's account without proving their age or identity.

Facebook said Wednesday it hasn't yet reviewed the complaint letter. The company has said it doesn't show ads on Messenger

Kids or collect data for marketing purposes, though it does collect some data it says is necessary to run the service. But the advocacy groups say the privacy policy of Messenger Kids is "incomplete and vague" and allows Facebook to disclose data to third parties and other Facebook services "for broad, undefined business purposes."

Facebook launched Messenger Kids last December on iOS and has since expanded to Android and Amazon devices and beyond the U.S. to Mexico, Canada and elsewhere. □

US stocks jump after jobs report; Italy debt worries ease

By MARLEY JAY
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are climbing Wednesday after a survey by payroll processor ADP showed strong hiring by private businesses in September and a trade group said services firms produced more and hired more workers. Banks are rising as interest rates move higher. European stocks rose after the Italian government said it will gradually reduce its deficits over the next few years.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index jumped 12 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,935 as of noon and is on track for a record high. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which finished at an all-time high Tuesday, gained 141 points, or 0.5 percent, to 26,915. The Nasdaq composite added 35 points, or 0.4 percent, to 8,035. The Russell 2000 index rose 10 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,666. It's fallen 5 percent since the end of August as investors have grown less worried about trade tensions between the U.S. and other countries.

ECONOMIC DATA: Private businesses in the U.S. added 230,000 jobs in September, according to ADP. That's the biggest total in seven months. Hiring was strong in most major industries. The federal government will release a report Friday that covers hiring by private businesses and also by governments.

A trade group said U.S. services firms produced more, hired more workers, and took more orders in September, and all of those things happened at a faster pace than in the month before. The Institute for Supply Management's services index rose to its highest level in about a decade.

Bond prices dropped sharply. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.12 percent, near its high for the year and up sharply from 3.05 percent a day earlier. That helped banks, which are able to charge higher interest rates on long-term loans when bond yields rise. Comerica



In this Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, file photo trader Michael Milano, left, and specialist Jay Woods work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

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rose 1.3 percent to \$90.96 and Bank of America added 1.1 percent to \$29.90. Industrial and technology companies also climbed. Apple jumped 1.3 percent to \$232.31 and Intel rose 1.1 percent to \$48.62 while Boeing gained 1.2 percent to \$390.91 and Caterpillar added 1.6 percent to \$157.24.

GM FUELS UP: General Motors rose 2.1 percent to \$33.99 after Honda agreed to invest \$2.75 billion in GM's autonomous vehicle business over the next 12 years. Honda lost 3.4 percent to \$29.42. Japanese technology firm SoftBank said in May that it would pay \$2.25 billion for a 20 percent stake in the GM business, which is called Cruise.

GM is often seen as the company in second place in the race to get autonomous cars on the market, trailing Google's Waymo unit.

HEAVY METAL: Century Aluminum tumbled after Norsk Hydro said it is shutting down its Alunorte plant in Brazil. Alunorte is the world's largest alumina refinery, and that could leave Century Aluminum without enough of a critical material used in making aluminum. Century Aluminum fell 11.9 percent to \$10.49, and shares of Norsk Hydro lost 11.8 percent in Norway. Rival aluminum producer Alcoa, which produces its own alumina, rose 6.6 percent to \$44.32.

OVERSEAS: Stocks in Europe rose after Italy's economy minister backed down on spending plans that would keep the country's deficit at an elevated level for three years. That relieved investors who were worried about Italy's debts and the possibility of tensions between the country and the European Union. The FTSE MIB in Italy gained

0.9 percent after dropping 5 percent over the previous five days. Italian government bond prices climbed and the yield on the 10-year bond fell sharply, to 3.30 percent from 3.44 percent.

The CAC 40 in France rose 0.4 percent while the FTSE 100 in Britain rose 0.5 percent. German markets were closed for a holiday.

SLEEPING EASY: Tempur Sealy jumped 11.1 percent to \$53.77 after Reuters reported that rival Mattress

Firm might file for bankruptcy protection as soon as this week.

IN FOR A PENNEY: J.C. Penney climbed 7.7 percent to \$1.68 after it named Jill Soltau, the president and CEO of fabric and crafts company Jo-Ann Stores, as its next CEO. Soltau will start at Penney in mid-October. Its previous CEO, Marvin Ellison, stayed for less than four years before leaving to become CEO of home improvement chain Lowe's. Penney's stock is down almost 50 percent in 2018, and has plunged almost 80 percent in the past five years.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude fell 0.1 percent to \$75.18 a barrel in New York. U.S. crude futures closed at their highest price in just under four years on Monday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, rose 0.4 percent at \$85.17 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 114.16 yen from 113.69 yen. The euro fell to \$1.1520 from \$1.1545.

ASIA'S DAY: Asian stocks fell as traders worried about by rising oil prices and weak economic data in Japan. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 fell 0.7 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng dropped 0.1 percent. □

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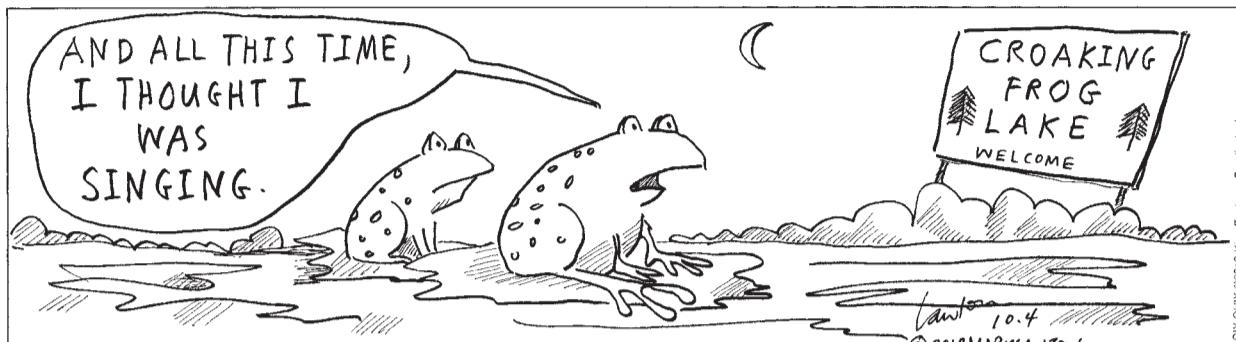
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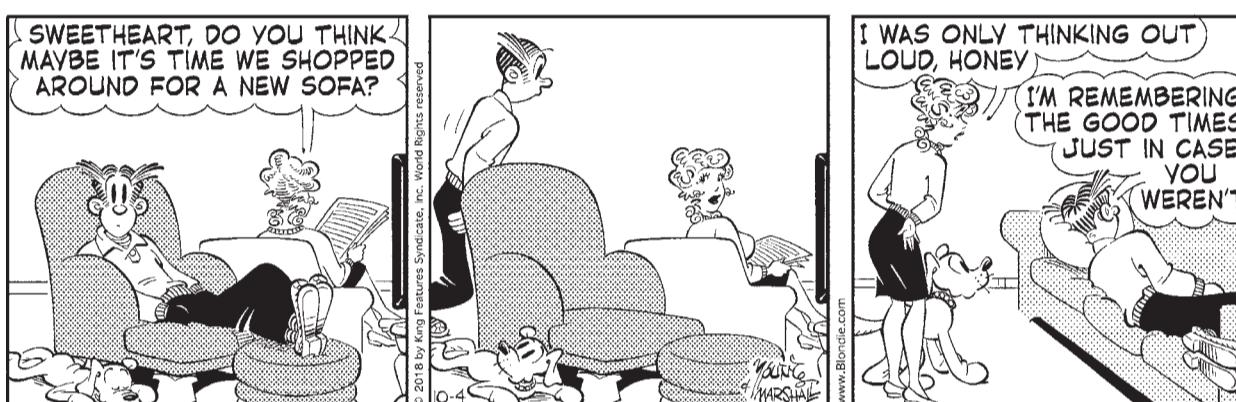
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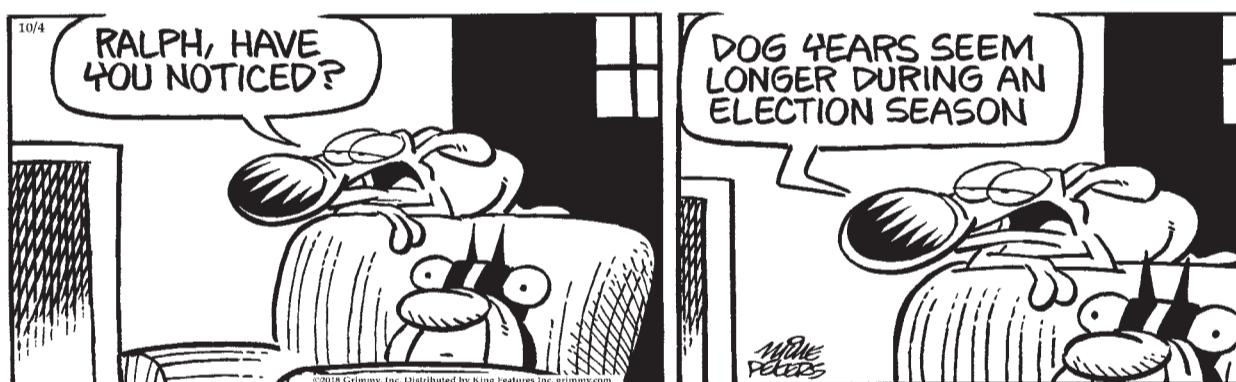
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Yesterday's puzzle answer



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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42	Scapula or clavicle	50	essential
32	Serving utensil	51	Wallet items
33	Rough woolen fabric	52	Internal spy
44	Adequate; good enough	53	Apple pie à la
35	Auction offers	54	Catch in a snare
38	Short funny remark	55	Meditative exercise
45	Passengers	56	Certain vote
47	Prepared for a selfie		
39	Archery		
48	Cut up		

Ivory trade study is tribute to killed US conservationist

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JOHANNESBURG (AP) — American conservationist Esmond Martin researched the illegal ivory trade in Myanmar shortly before he was killed in Kenya this year. Now the research has been released in a report that says the illegal flow of ivory from Myanmar to neighboring China is continuing "largely unabated." Save The Elephants, a conservation group based in Kenya, released the study on Tuesday, saying raw and worked ivory from Asian and African elephants is being smuggled in increasing quantities into China, the world's biggest consumer.

China banned its domestic market as of the beginning of this year.

The report says an "unknown murderer" killed Martin on Feb. 4. His body was found in his Nairobi home. □

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Have astronomers found 1st moon outside our solar system?

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronomers may have found the first moon outside our solar system, a gas behemoth the size of Neptune.

Plenty of planets exist beyond our solar system, but a moon around one of those worlds has yet to be confirmed. Two Columbia University researchers presented their tantalizing evidence for a moon Wednesday.

The potential moon would be considerably larger than Earth — about the size of Neptune or Uranus. The planet it orbits is as big as mammoth Jupiter. This apparent super-size pairing of a gaseous moon and planet is 8,000 light-years away. Researchers Alex Teachey and David Kipping evaluated 284 planets outside our solar system that had already been discovered by NASA's Kepler Space Telescope. Only one planet held promise for hosting a moon, one around the star known as Kepler-1625, which is about the size of our sun but older.

So last October, the pair directed the Hubble Space Telescope at the star in an attempt to verify — or rule out — the possibility of a moon orbiting the planet Kepler-1625b. They were on the lookout for a second temporary dimming of starlight. The main dip in stellar brightness would be the planet itself crossing in front of its star. Another dip could well be a moon — known as an exomoon outside our solar system.

The more powerful and precise Hubble telescope detected a second and smaller decrease in starlight 3 1/2 hours after the planet passed in front of the star



This illustration provided by Dan Durda shows the exoplanet Kepler-1625b with a hypothesized moon.

— "like a dog following its owner on a leash," as Kipping put it. The observation period, however, ended before the moon could complete its transit. That's why the astronomers need another look with Hubble, hopefully next spring.

Despite the evidence, Teachey stressed "we are urging caution here." "The first exomoon is obviously an extraordinary claim and it requires extraordinary evidence," Teachey said.

"Furthermore, the size we've calculated for this moon, about the size of Neptune, has hardly been anticipated and so that, too, is reason to be careful here."

He added: "We're not cracking open Champagne bottles just yet on this one."

If indeed a moon, it would be about 2 million miles (3 million kilometers) from its planet and appear twice as big in its sky, as the moon does in ours.

The astronomers are uncertain how this potential moon might have formed, given its size.

"If confirmed, this finding

could completely shake up our understanding of how moons are formed and what they can be made of," NASA's science mission chief Thomas Zurbuchen said in a statement.

According to the researchers, another compelling piece of evidence in favor of a moon is that the planet passed in front of its star more than an hour earlier than predicted.

A moon could cause that kind of an uncertain, wobbly path, they noted.

Kipping said that's how the Earth and moon would

appear from far away. This particular planet — or exoplanet — is about the same distance from its star as Earth is to the sun.

Another planet could cause the same gravitational nudge, the researchers noted, although Kepler observations have come up empty in that regard. Kepler-1625b is the only planet found so far around this star.

For Teachey and Kipping, the best and simplest explanation is that Kepler-1625b has a moon.

"We've tried our best to

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rule out other possibilities," Kipping told reporters. "But we were unable to find any other single hypothesis which can explain all of the data we have."

Their findings were published in the journal *Science Advances*.

The journal's deputy editor, Kip Hodges, praised the researchers for their cautious tone, given the difficult and complicated process of identifying an exomoon. "If this finding stands up to further observational scrutiny, it represents a major milestone in the field of astronomy," Hodges said.

The Columbia astronomers said they may be able to clinch this as early as next year, with more Hubble viewing. In the meantime, they're encouraging other scientists to join in and embracing the scrutiny that's sure to come.

Whether confirmed or not, the subject offers insight into how rare — or how common — our own solar system might be.

Moons are abundant in our own solar system, with close to 200.

Of the eight planets in our solar system, only Mercury and Venus have none. □

In South Africa, endangered frogs get another chance

JOHANNESBURG (AP)

— Conservationists are monitoring some 200 endangered frogs that were released along South Africa's coastline after a captive-breeding program at the Johannesburg Zoo.

The release last month of the Pickersgill's reed frogs happened in KwaZulu-Natal province, where the species' wetland habitat along the Indian Ocean coast has come under severe pressure from human development.

The Endangered Wildlife Trust, a South African group, will follow the progress of the frogs, which were transported in plastic jars by road to their new homes near the city of Durban.



In this photo taken Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018, a Pickersgill's reed frog during a captive breeding period at the Johannesburg Zoo.

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The Pickersgill's reed frog is about 2.5-3 centimeters (1-1.2 inches) long. The males are smaller than the females.

The species was among those earmarked for help after a fungus killed many amphibian populations around the world in the early 2000s. □

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Chelsea Clinton fights cyberbullying by answering trolls

By BROOKE LEFFERTS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Chelsea Clinton says she's naturally an optimist and despite enduring name-calling from the time she was a child, she chooses to answer insults — even on Twitter — with kindness and respect. "Cyberbullying is a huge challenge across our country. I think we need those of us with platforms to not ignore the trolls, not to become consumed by them, but to shine a light and say here's how you can respond where you're calmly defending yourself but you're also showing it's not OK and you're not degrading your own humanity in doing that," the 38-year-old mother of two said in an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press.

It's one of several messages in her new book, "Start Now! You Can Make a Difference," released this week. In it, Clinton encourages children to make a positive change in the world by educating themselves and taking action. The book focuses on preserving the environment, helping save animals, staying healthy and putting an end to bullying.

"Start Now!" is Clinton's



Chelsea Clinton poses for a portrait on Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018, in New York to promote her book, "Start Now! You Can Make a Difference."

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fourth children's book. Her role as an author is one of several that Clinton juggles, including motherhood, being vice chairman of the Clinton Foundation and teaching at Columbia University. Her latest book was inspired by the notion that age doesn't matter when it comes to activism.

"I've always believed that you're never too young or too old to make a difference. And then when I became a mom, I think I felt that even more keenly because all of a sudden I had, you know, first Charlotte and then Aidan, these little people in the world, I wanted the world to be a

healthier, more equitable, more just safer place for them than previous generations," she said. Making the world a safer place, in Clinton's eyes, also means abolishing bullying. It's a topic Clinton knows only too well, enduring brutal criticism of her looks

when she was growing up in the White House ("Saturday Night Live" did a skit poking fun at her at the time). There were also those who targeted her because she was the daughter of Bill and Hillary Clinton.

"So when I was confronted directly — even as a child — and people would say awful things to me, I would say, 'I'm sorry you feel that way. I don't feel that way. I don't think I'm ugly or born in sin or the family dog or that my parents should have aborted me or you know that like we all should be dead,'" she recalled. "I mean these are all things that people said to me when I was a kid and they were always said by much older people."

Decades later, the taunts still come — these days via social media. At first Clinton ignored them, but recently she started to speak up.

"I started to worry that by ignoring it, it wasn't depriving the trolls of oxygen, it was maybe taken as kind of implicit — not endorsement — but that I was somehow OK with that language and that behavior," she said. "And I think particularly being a parent now I never want my kids or any kid to think that that's OK." □

Real Peggy Sue, of 1958 Buddy Holly song fame, dies in Texas

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The Texas woman who inspired the 1958 Buddy Holly song "Peggy Sue" has died at a Lubbock hospital.

Peggy Sue Gerron Rackham of Lubbock died Monday at University Medical Center, according to UMC spokesman Eric Finley. She was 78. The family gave the hospital permission to confirm the death, but asked that no additional information be released, Finley said Tuesday.

Peggy Sue Gerron in 2008 released her autobiography "Whatever Happened to Peggy Sue?: A Memoir by Buddy Holly's Peggy Sue" to mark the 50th an-



In this Jan. 11, 2008, file photo, Peggy Sue Gerron unveils her new book "What Ever Happened to Peggy Sue" during a press conference in Tyler, Texas.

Associated Press

niversary of the song. Gerron, while promoting her autobiography, said material for the memoir came from about 150 diary entries she made during the time she knew Holly. Gerron was born in Olton, Texas, but moved to Lubbock where she attended high school and met Holly and his friends.

"I wanted to give him (Holly) his voice. It's my book, my memoirs," she said about her book, according to a 2008 Associated Press story. "We were very, very good friends. He was probably one of the best friends I ever had."

She married drummer Jerry Allison, from Holly's rock 'n' roll band The Crickets. The couple later divorced. □

7-year-old toy reviewer on YouTube becomes a toy himself

By JOSEPH PISANI
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Seven-year-old Ryan drew millions of views reviewing toys on YouTube. Now, he's become a toy himself.

Walmart is selling action figures in his likeness, putty with his face on the packaging and other toys under the Ryan's World brand. It's a bet that kids, who are spending more time tapping tablets, will recognize Ryan from YouTube and want the toys he's hawking. The new line may also help Walmart lure former Toys R Us shoppers, as many chains make a play for those customers ahead of the holiday shopping season.

The first-grader, who's been making YouTube videos for three years, has become a major influencer in the toy industry. The clips typically show him unboxing a toy, playing with it and then waving goodbye to viewers. His most watched video, in which Ryan hunts for large plastic eggs, has more than 1.5 billion views. Toys featured in the videos can see a spike in sales,



In this July 11, 2018, photo Ryan's World toys, from Bonkers Toys, are displayed at the Toy Insider Sweet Suite show, in New York.

says Jim Silver, editor of toy review site TPPM.com. "Ryan is a celebrity," he says. "Kids watch his videos. He's entertaining."

So much so that toy makers have paid Ryan and his parents to feature their products. Forbes magazine estimated that the Ryan ToysReview YouTube chan-

nel brought in \$11 million last year, but his parents, Shion and Loann, declined to confirm that number or give any financial details about Ryan's deals. They also do not give their last name or say where they live for privacy and safety reasons. Ryan's path from reviewer to tiny toy mogul

started last year when his parents signed with Pocket.watch, a two-year-old company that works with several YouTube personalities to get their names on clothing, books and other products. Ryan is the first with a product line because of his large audience, Pocket.watch says.

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Last month, Walmart started selling Ryan's World bright-colored slime for \$4, 5-inch Ryan action figures for \$9 and french fry-shaped squishy toys for \$18. The retailer is the exclusive seller of some of the line, including T-shirts and stuffed animals.

Whether kids will want them "all comes down to the toy," says Silver, adding that hits are made in the playground, where youngsters show off their toys and tell others about it.

What Ryan does have is a built-in audience. A video of him searching the aisles of Walmart for Ryan's World toys has nearly 10 million views in a month, and his YouTube page has more than 16 million subscribers.

Anne Marie Kehoe, who oversees Walmart's toy department, says a couple of thousand people showed up to a recent appearance at an Arkansas store just to see a kid "jumping around and acting crazy." Ryan, in a phone interview, says a lot of those people wanted his picture. He then left the phone call to play. □

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Biography of playwright, activist Larry Kramer in the works

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The first biography of playwright and gay activist Larry Kramer will be written with the full support of the subject himself.

Bill Goldstein has been tapped to write the authorized biography by Henry Holt and Co. The book, not yet titled, will draw on interviews with Kramer; his husband David Webster; friends and foes; as well as papers in Kramer's archives at Yale University. Goldstein will have complete editorial freedom.

Kramer, now 83, wrote "The Normal Heart" for the stage and the screenplay for the film "Women in Love." He is best known for his public fight to secure medical treatment, acceptance and civil rights for people



In this Dec. 10, 2014 file photo, playwright Larry Kramer attends Acria's 19th Annual Holiday Dinner Benefit in New York.

Associated Press

with AIDS. He co-founded the Gay Men's Health Crisis and founded Act Up, which has provided a model for liberation movements, including Black Lives Matter and #MeToo. "Larry, in private, as with many people, is often very different from what his public persona is and I think

people don't often understand his humor or how beloved he is by his friends," Goldstein said in an interview Wednesday. "And then there are people who were his enemies — sometimes they're the same person. So I hope to capture all of that. No one is neutral about Larry Kramer." □

T.I. wants to highlight trap music with pop-up museum, album

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Rapper T.I. took a stroll through one of the toughest neighborhoods in Atlanta as children on school buses screamed his name, several motorists honked their horns and men asked for a selfie. Bankhead, an impoverished area known in the city for its high criminal activity, is viewed as a "trap" area — where drugs are regularly distributed and used. Most would be fearful of venturing into the potentially dangerous environment, yet T.I. walks the streets where he grew up with no worries and no security, while sporting a glistening gold watch and pinky ring.

That's because T.I. is highly respected in Bankhead, a neighborhood he helped popularize through his songs viewed as trap music, a subgenre mostly detailing the lifestyle of selling drugs, highlighted by gritty lyrics and heavy beats. "He is respected because he respects us," said Rosie Brittain, a Bankhead resident who helped raise T.I. "He represents us. He always comes back home. Nothing but love for him."

The three-time Grammy winner will pay homage to trap music culture with the Trap Music Museum, even



This Sept. 14, 2018 photo shows rapper Clifford Harris Jr., better known as T.I., during a tour of his Trap Music Museum in Atlanta.

dedicating areas of the exhibit to rappers like Gucci Mane, Jeezy, Rick Ross, Future and himself. It opens Sunday in Atlanta.

The pop-up museum will offer an "Escape the Trap" experience — much like the popular Escape the Room adventure game — where visitors have to use clues to find their way out of a house littered with illegal drugs before authorities arrive.

While sitting on his grandfather's front porch, T.I. spoke with The Associated Press about the museum and his 10th studio album, "Dime

Trap," out on Oct. 5.

AP: Why do you feel so safe in Bankhead?

T.I.: It's a little old lady right up the street. She only leaves her house to go to church and the grocery store. She got a little .38 Special (handgun). She keeps it under pillow or in her nightstand next to her blood pressure pills. And she will blow your damn head off if you come (messing) with T.I. That doesn't come from anything I've done for myself. It comes from me being a genuine person and caring enough about the community and the

people in it to treat them with respect.

AP: Why did you feel the need to curate the Trap Music Museum?

T.I.: I want to celebrate the culture and not just me. The easy thing for me to do is set up a show and it just be me and perform all the songs from trap music, which I was tempted to do. The genre has become so significant that I felt it deserved more than that. It's really going to be a place where people can take pictures and kind of interact. **AP:** When did you realize trap music was about to

take off?

T.I.: The first time I saw the potential, I hardly noticed it. You know, when you're so close to something you can't see it growing. Like if you're around a puppy dog every day, it's still a puppy to you even though it's getting bigger. That's how trap music was to me. Even when it was at its biggest point, I never really noticed until people in the EDM world started to call their music trap. That's when I started taking notice.

AP: How do you feel when people criticize trap music for its glorification of drugs and gunplay?

T.I.: It did that, but so did mafia movies. So did "Scarface." ... If I am being reflective and honestly interpreting the effects my experiences had on me, the people who weren't there won't be able to decipher that reflection from glorification. I'm going to speak about it the same way Al Bundy speaks about scoring three touchdowns in one game at Polk High. That's how he spent his teenage years. Those were his glory moments. I didn't play football. I sold dope. ... I'm proud I survived those things. I'm not proud of all of things I necessarily did, but proud of all the lessons that I learned from them. □

The most dangerous celebrity online is revealed

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Ruby Rose has played some dangerous characters, like an inmate in "Orange Is the New Black" and a scientist battling a prehistoric shark in "The Meg." But the actress herself is now officially dangerous.

Cybersecurity firm McAfee on Tuesday crowned Rose the most dangerous celebrity on the internet. No other celebrity was more likely to land users on websites that carry viruses or malware.

Reality TV star, Kristin Cavallari finished behind Rose at No. 2, followed by actress Marion Cotillard

(No. 3), the original "Wonder Woman" Lynda Carter (No. 4), actress Rose Byrne (No. 5), Debra Messing (No. 6), reality TV star Kourtney Kardashian (No. 7), actress Amber Heard (No. 8), morning TV show host Kelly Ripa (No. 9), and actor Brad William Henke as No. 10.

Rose is a model and MTV VJ who may have gotten a burst of online interest when she was named to play Batwoman on an upcoming CW series.

The survey is meant to highlight the danger of clicking on suspicious links. McAfee urges internet users to consider risks associated with searching for download-

able content and always apply updated security fixes. The company used its own site ratings to compile the celebrity list and used searches on Google, Bing and Yahoo.

"In our hyper-connected world, it's important for consumers to think before they click to be sure that they are landing on safe digital content and protecting themselves from cybersecurity threats that may be used to infect their devices or steal their identity," writes Gary Davis, chief consumer security evangelist at McAfee. "So whether you're looking up what Ruby did on the latest 'Orange is the New



This May 17, 2018 file photo shows actress Ruby Rose at the amfAR, Cinema Against AIDS, benefit during the Cannes Film Festival, in Cap d'Antibes, southern France.

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Black' episode, or what Kristin Cavallari wore the latest awards show, make sure you're searching the internet safely."

Rose deposes last year's most dangerous celeb,

Avril Lavigne. That top 10 also included Bruno Mars, Carly Rae Jepsen, Zayn Malik, Celine Dion, Calvin Harris, Justin Bieber, Sean "Diddy" Combs, Katy Perry and Beyoncé. □

On tiny Linosa, it's easy to adopt island's relaxed rhythms

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

LINOSA ISLAND, Italy (AP)

— There are no hotels, but islanders open up their simple, gaily painted homes to those seeking relaxed rhythms.

No banks either, but there's not a lot money can buy here. The sole souvenir shop has a few knickknacks. Costs are modest for meals made from local ingredients — lentils, eggplant, peppers perhaps, plus the catch of the day from the emerald-hued, pristine waters surrounding tiny Linosa island.

But stunning natural beauty is free and abundant on this verdant paradise that rises up in the form of an extinct volcano from the Mediterranean seabed.

Of the many splendid small Italian islands that dot the Mediterranean waters near Sicily, only Linosa had eluded me, vacation after vacation, perhaps because it takes some determination to get here. Unlike some other islands, like Pantelleria, where Italian VIPs keep summer homes, or Lampedusa, known for lively nightlife, there are no flights from the Italian peninsula, no airport.

To enjoy Linosa's charms, either you take a long ride by ferry, or, if waters are calm, an infrequent hydrofoil from the nondescript Sicilian port town of Porto Empedocle. Or you make a shorter sea journey from Lampedusa, the only other inhabited island in the Pe-



In this photo taken on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018 a woman swims in a cove of pristine water surrounded by volcanic rock formations on the island of Linosa, some 167 km (103.5 miles) south of Sicily, southern Italy.

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lagie Archipelago, closer to northern Africa than to Sicily.

This year, in the waning weeks of summer, I came, accounting by my mere presence for about 5 percent of sojourners those days on Linosa.

We swam or snorkeled in coves cradled by dramatically dark, jagged lava rocks, climbed volcanic craters and watched sunsets near the black-sand beach where caretta caretta loggerhead turtles waddle ashore each year to lay their eggs.

On any given day during "high" season in July and August, there are at most about 50 holiday-goers who spend a few days or

so. In September, there were some 20 of us, several of us solitary travelers. With the exception of a French couple and myself, all were Italians.

Those numbers compare to a year-round resident population of about 300 Linosani, as the locals call themselves. In the sole town, tidy streets are lined with houses in hues of fiery ochre trimmed with orange, robin-blue highlight by white, or sea green with doors framed in red.

In early morning — afternoon temperatures in one of Italy's hottest places can climb into the 90s in Fahrenheit (in the low to mid 30s in Celsius) and feel like 115 or higher — Linosani come out to sweep the tiled sidewalks and water potted plants, including hibiscus that grow as tall as trees. With the cool of the evening, Linosani emerge again, parking kitchen chairs outside homes to chat with neighbors. After a couple of strolls in the few streets, visitors can befriend much of Linosa's population.

"After a few days, you become islanders, too," said Alberto Ramirez, who runs one of the two B&Bs on the island and whose family has lived here for six generations.

Linosa's only "night spot" is a

wine bar, which, on a late summer Saturday night, closed up shop before midnight.

Ramirez recalled a couple who lodged by him recently telling him, "Linosa's not for us, it's too tranquil."

"Here you come to relax, go to the sea, maybe have an 'aperitivo' in the evening," Ramirez said. "There's no disco."

On maps, Linosa resembles a roundish speck in the sea. One can stroll around the entire island, whose coastal perimeter measures 11 kilometers (under 7 miles), in a few hours.

Only residents can bring cars on the island during summer, but motor scooters and motorized bikes



In this photo taken on Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, a resident walks along a main street in the town of Linosa, on the island of Linosa, some 167 km (103.5 miles) south of Sicily, southern Italy.

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can be rented by the day. The electric "bici" are a big hit as well with Linosani, whose cars are easily recognizable because the salty sea air corrodes the paint.

Come nightfall in late summer or early fall, on the northerly side of the island you can hear the cries of thousands in a fascinating feathered colony of greater shearwater birds. The bird is known as *bera maggiore* in Italian.

A large group of them fly up and over the Mediterranean from Libya and Algeria, their cheek pouches full of fish for young chicks which have hatched in crannies left by lava rocks near the seaside.

After Linosa's first modern settlement was established, in 1845, with 30 hardy souls, the islanders would eat the birds' eggs, rich in protein. Now the birds' evening rituals help feed the island's economic mainstay, tourism.

Giovanni Grana passionately shares with a handful of tourists on his plain wooden motorboat the details he's learned about shearwater flocks habits from his nightly observations. He makes the facts of bird life sound like poetry.

"My aim is to make the tourists fall in love with the island," said Grana.

For a reasonable fee (about 25 euros, or \$29), he takes visitors out to sea just before sunset to witness an amazing spectacle. □



In this photo taken on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018, a cat sits on a flower pot, bottom right, along painted steps in the town of Linosa, on the island of Linosa, some 167 km (103.5 miles) south of Sicily, southern Italy.

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